

St. Genevieve's Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - November 16, 2022

Those present included Father Pedro, Deacon Bill Wehmeyer, Jim Brousseau, Carmen Merrill, Dennis, Nancy Kirner, and Don Haley.

Discussed the parish picnic and how well things went. Decided to keep things the same for next year, including having it after Labor Day.

Financial updates were sent out to parishioners with the Advent booklet mailing. Our end of the fiscal year balance (Oct. 31) was about \$10,000 more than last fiscal year, although average weekly donations have declined from earlier years. Father wants to change the percentage St. Genevieve pays for his salary from 50 % to 40 % while our weekly donations are down. We have already met our ACA goal and had 43.1 % of parishioners participating, at this point.

Discussion on the Little Booklets and decided that we would continue to mail them as before as an evangelization tool for those who can't or don't attend Mass regularly or at all.

Discussion on what our parish does for charity at this point and what we might want to consider changing, if anything, in the future. We need to think about this more and discuss at a future meeting.

Nancy will check to see if we can determine how much use our parish subscription for the Formed platform gets from our parishioners and then we can decide whether to continue paying for this in the future.

Jim will lead an adult choir for Christmas and plans on having 3 or 4 practices.

Several folks are helping with the sanding of the pews we received from the parish in Chelan. They will need to be stained and varnished in a heated facility. We could do a few in the classroom next to the rectory and Bill Lorenz has space for some in his garage. When the pews get installed, the music ministry will move to near the front right side of the sanctuary.

The CFF dinner that April hosted was not well attended. She plans to facilitate a Sacramental Preparation program and the teen Venture program. The AFF study on Acts of the Apostles has begun.

Dennis presented another set of proposed plans for a new Parish Hall. He will meet with Jeff Brown (local contractor with decades of experience in the Valley) in the near future to tap into his expertise on things we should consider and be aware of.

Don has decided to resign from the Pastoral Parish Council. Father announced that Tom Lueschen would be joining the Council and he is trying to get one additional member. Jim will be the new chair/president of the Council.

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It was mentioned that we should make sure and tell parishioners that they should contact Council members (along with Fr. and Deacon Bill) with concerns or questions before the next meeting. We will also get a link on the website where those can be submitted.

Taize will start on February 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and will take place once a month.

Fr. Pedro will be on vacation from January 9th to the 27th.

We might need to make an announcement to parishioners in the future that we need to reduce the excessive movement that happens during Mass since it can be quite disruptive to the Liturgy.

The Diocese is going to start using a 3rd party manager so parishioners can file complaints. Those of a more grave nature would be investigated.

Next Pastoral Council meeting will be Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 12:00 p.m. at St. Genevieve's.