

Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting September 14, 2015



In Attendance: Father David, Father Rojin, Bob Yap, Jack O'Melia, Claire Budnik, Kathy Coyne, Missy Ely, Mary Ann Holowinko, Jeff Kress, Lee Larchevesque, Joe Licek, Neil Dennehy, Bob Olson, Samantha Luzniak, and Jesse Yap.

Father Dave led the Council in prayer and Bob Yap provided refreshments for the meeting.

Bob welcomed the council and started the meeting with introductions all around before handing the meeting over to Father Dave.

Pastors Report:

Building and Grounds Committee:

Father Dave introduced the council to Alex Sgoutas who attended the meeting on behalf of the Building and Grounds committee which recently took a long, hard look at the parish and its physical needs. At tonight's meeting, Alex presented a very detailed report focused on the AC/heating system. Over the summer, three service providers separately evaluated the entire system and recommended repairs. After a lengthy discussion, a proposal was presented to the council to consider a new service provider and start with repairs as presented by Alex. The motion to accept the proposal was carried.

Father Dave and the parish council are extremely grateful for all the extraordinary efforts and research on behalf of our very dedicated Building and Grounds Committee.

Synod news: The year-long Synod officially ends with a celebratory Mass on Saturday 9/19. The next year will focus on continuing the journey of renewal of our Church. Our formal parish evaluation plan starts on 9/21 and a pastoral planning session will be held on Saturday 11/7 at St. Matthews. Council members are invited to attend.

Social Justice: Over the summer, Father Dave met with Bob Yap, Jack O'Melia and Dan Loch to discuss social justice issues for the upcoming year. It is important to Father Dave that as a parish council we continue to support both Education and Hope and CONECT. A motion was made and passed to continue supporting both causes.

Intentional Discipleship: The storytelling event held during the 9:15 Mass on 6/21 proved to be an event worth repeating. We will recruit people to give more witness talks at all the weekend Masses in late October. In early November we will hold a dinner in the parish hall and parishioners will have the opportunity for a one-on-one

faith sharing conversation with another parishioner. The evening will conclude with a round robin of stories shared.

Other News:

Joe Licek presented new signage to be placed throughout the building (restrooms, parish office, etc.). The signs, designed by Dan Loch, were approved.

Mary Ann observed we need to replace a rusty dome covering the outside gas tank which supplies gas to the kitchen.

Father Rojin concluded the meeting at 8:45 with a closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held on October 19 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Budnik

Pastoral Council Secretary