

St. Frances of Rome
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2023

Present: Fr. Lou Meiman, Mary Masick, Jane Wehner, Therese Bawa, Shannon Burns, Bill Johnston, Laura Harpring, Sr. Agnes Coveney, Ward Robinson, Greg Brotzge, Suzann McGarvey

Absent: Mary Keyer, Dutch Boehnlein, Sharon Coonan

Opening Prayer- Fr. Lou opened the meeting with a prayer.

Fr. Lou requested that Parish Council start the transitioning process for new council members. He reported that historically, June to July is a good time to start this process. He asked if there were any council members who would like to chair the committee. Ward Robinson volunteered to chair and Laura Harpring volunteered to co-chair. Fr. Lou requested that council members submit names of those who would be a good fit to serve on the council. Jane Wehner and Shannon Burns will be rolling off. Fr. Lou would like the Parish Council to attend a retreat as they did last year.

Fr. Lou noted that there not be a meeting in July. Because there will not be a meeting in July, Fr. Lou suggested that plans for the retreat begin at the June meeting. Sharon Coonan and Sharon Bidwell will be a involved with the planning of the retreat. He requested that members of the council contemplate on ideas for the retreat. Mary Masick suggested that Worship may be a good topic since there is going to be a Worship Listening Session next weekend. Greg Brotzge made the point that the SL and SFR councils may need to come back together since the last one was a joint council retreat. Fr Lou reported that since we are trying to be more of the lines of a territorial parish, the council should look at what ministering we need to do for our neighborhood. An example is listening to the needs of the people that are living in the area.

Mary Masick reported that Fr. Lou previously suggested having a sign on Frankfort Ave so that those in the neighborhood would know what is going on at SFR. Fr. Lou noted that he has been working on getting banners on utility poles around the streets near church.

Fr. Lou asked parish council members to attend the Worship Listening Sessions that are taking place on May 20 & 21, 2023. He feels it is important for council members to be there.

Mary Masick presented an updated Donut Sunday document. Ward suggested having Donut Sunday outside if the weather is nice. Jane Wehner suggested having t-shirts made for advertising purposes.

Mary Masick reported that Non-picnic has raised \$7680. The goal is to raise \$8000.

Fr. Lou reported that the parish staff structure is going to be re-evaluated this summer. The structure was set up during a lot of changes, new staff members, Covid, etc.

Mary Masick made note that she has been working with Steve on parish communications. Fr. Lou commented that we do better than many larger parishes.

The council closed the meeting with a prayer.

Next Meeting – June 13, 2023