



Sacred Heart Parish Prescott Minutes of Pastoral Council meeting July 10, 2023

Attendees: Council members Jim Yates, Mark Matthews, Bernie Heath, Craig Thompson, William Rodriguez and newly appointed Pastoral Council member John Williams.

Other Attendees: Father Raj, Jim Wren, Alma Helms and Finance Council Chair Terry Brennan

Jim Yates opened the meeting with prayer.

Old Business:

- There was a brief discussion led by Jim Yates reviewing the process of calling new parishioners each month. Several members expressed some frustration that it is very difficult to reach people live and mostly messages are left on voicemail. There was discussion about whether there is a better way to contact people. Jim Wren indicated that he contacts every new person by email when the new registration report is received, so the phone call is their second point of contact. It was decided that, as long as people receive a voice message and a callback number, that is sufficient. There was also some discussion about non -Spanish speaking members reaching people who only speak Spanish. William Rodriguez offered to make those calls.
- Mark Matthews and Jim Wren gave a brief update of the first meeting of the Eucharistic revival committee chaired by Martha Lamb. A few of the ideas were discussed including a pilgrimage ministry and a plan to have a “local” Eucharistic Congress” with our deanery while the National Congress is happening in 2024. Jim Wren also indicated that he would attend an online meeting with Bishop Cozzens (the leader of the Revival) on August 1.

Pastor’s Report:

- Father Raj gave a very brief report reviewing some of the recent events going on in the Parish. Father Raj briefly reviewed the 2023-24 Event calendar which was recently produced.
- Father Raj indicated to the Council members that he will be assigning each member to certain areas of the church ministry including: youth ministry, evangelization, publicity and promotion, Catholic education, Hispanic ministry, outreach and life ministries. Council member assignments will be made within the next few days.

Parish Manager’s Report:

- Jim reminded everyone about the Day of Reflection for staff and Council members on July 28 from 8:30AM- 3PM.
- The Intercouncil Social will be held in lieu of an August meeting on August 30 from 5:30-8PM in the Sacred Heart Room. Food and beverages will be provided.
- Jim updated the Council on various projects at the Church including the roof replacement (completed); parking lot asphalt and re-lining (completed); 233 N. Summit rental renovation after the fire (Jim is working with the contractor and insurance company and work is delayed due to supply chain and permitting issues); new copier in parish office to make all copiers on site consistent and parking structure solar panels (the Diocese is working on a contract with Scout Solar for repair and replacement and then for them to take over the management of all solar panels in the future).

New Business:

- Terry Brennan gave a brief overview of the 2023-24 parish, school and ministry budgets that were adopted on June 28, 2023.
- A new meeting schedule was distributed for review. The next meeting was set for Monday, September 11 at 4PM in the Sacred Heart Room. There is no regular meeting in August.
- Council changes were announced: Mike King has resigned and a new Council secretary is needed; John Williams has joined the Council and Jon Gilwee will join in September.
- The rest of the meeting involved small group discussion about the first chapter of the book Jesus and the Roots of the Eucharist. Small groups discussed questions handed out by Father Raj and then shared with the whole group.

Adjournment:

Father Raj led a closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at 5PM.