

## Meeting Minutes for May 2024 Parish Council Meeting

1. Call to order & prayer @12:48pm
2. Approval of Minutes- Sheri approved & Caroline seconded
3. Pastor's Report
  - a. Fr thanked members for their uptick in Lenten services & vespers
  - b. Thank you to everyone who served with Palm Sunday service, bake sale, food service
    - i. He also observed that attendees were all people who were in the church @ some point during the year (no once-a-year visitors!)
  - c. There will be upcoming baptism & chrismation's for Michael Martin, the Duckworth & Lansner families on Sat 7/13
  - d. Isabelle Ibrahim's baptism is this coming Saturday 5/25 @ 11am
  - e. Today, 2pm baptism for family from Allentown with their own priest
4. Chairman's Report
  - a. Palm Sunday \$1800 raised from the lunch. All parties involved were pleased with the outcome.
  - b. In July Alex will miss the PC mtg & thus vice chair Gary will lead the meeting
5. Treasurer's Report
  - a. This month we will start to pay the \$2,500 monthly housing allowance
    - i. Fr did close on his house during bright week
6. Committee Reports
  - a. Adult Edu—upcoming retreat on June 1 (see newly released flier)
    - i. Childcare available, need to find out which session more families coming to if possible
  - b. Capital Campaign Committee (see agenda for details)
  - c. Choir- sounding great
  - d. Icon- all received and paid for; will be unboxed and put up front for 40 days after the bier has been up for 40 days (and taken down)
  - e. Long-Term Planning Comm
    - i. Got estimates for total demo costs of annex was \$40K
      1. Cost to remove building from lot and then it would be open for developing a parking lot
    - ii. Frank Tanzy was outside while we were looking at properties and verbally told Joe to give him an offer on his property (4 Cedar Ln)
      1. Nawal (relator) did some comps and thinks property is worth \$250-300K
      2. Alex suggested giving Fr permission to talk to Frank about options
        - a. Outright sale?
        - b. Easement?
    - iii. Next quarterly in person mtg in June
  - f. Maintenance Committee- Michael absent, notes on agenda
  - g. Ministry Team – Sheri
    - i. Pascha party was 'baller' @ the San Chirico's
  - h. SKW- Cynthia Long
    - i. Bake sale success

- ii. Women had nice breakfast with Holy Ascension women
  - i. Sunday School- Caroline
    - i. Successful end of year. Grateful for all teachers. Glad to honor Naomi & hs seniors today
    - ii. Next year all (except the youngest class) will be meeting in the rectory building
      - 1. Teachers will be meeting this summer to figure out use of space
  - j. Teen SOYO- Alex
- 7. Old Business
  - a. Discussion on calendar planning event that is scheduled for Aug. Hoping to make it more efficient this fall.
    - i. It was decided that there will be an email request to all chairs of committees who will send over lists of dates for their spheres of responsibilities in advanced of any calendar meeting. In this way the calendar can mostly be prepopulated before hand and then checked together in person.
  - b. In future PC minutes, Cynthia will add upcoming dates for the next month so we can all be aware and more calendar aware.
- 8. New Business
  - a. Cynthia going to the Parish Life Conference, 1/2 funds coming out of teen soyo budget \$216.50 : Sheri motioned & Caroline Seconded
  - b. CLEAR grant: Sheri updated about a grant that we've applied for & were accepted through Villanova—children, ecology & Liturgy
    - i. Starts in Fall 2024 and through Spring 2026
      - 1. They will each take a class at Villanova, too
    - ii. Tim Lansner & Sheri San Chirico (will each get \$15,000)
    - iii. Church will get \$5000 seed money to do projects
    - iv. Tony asked about tracking the grant funds, which will likely be coming Spring 2025.
- 9. Adjourn
  - a. Gary motioned & Joe seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1.36 pm