

St. Robert Pastoral Council Meeting
November 30, 2023 – 6:30pm
Minutes

Attendees: Fr. Andrew Infanger, Pat Kurowski, Jean Linn, Matt Mokrohisky, Dan Murray, Dan Platten, Sylvia Smith, Cory Wycklendt

Opening prayer – 6:31pm

Secretary Not Available - Notes taken by Sylvia Smith

Faith Formation

- Parish council members to prepare “biography of faith,” a 5 minute summary, including who taught you in the faith, how you grew into the faith as an adult, moments where Jesus helped you throughout your life
- Advent challenge: Share your story with others, especially your children

St. Robert Updates

- Organic growth is happening in St. Robert, including small groups and other new offerings
- Parish Mission upcoming February 16-18. Exciting talks, renew your faith, go on mission. Mari from Parish Mission team working on draft of invitation card to be handed out at Christmas Mass.
 - Idea: include QR code with a link to join the parish e-newsletter on card to be handed out at Christmas Mass.
- Christmas Mass - Fr. Enrique looking for new ways to welcome infrequent attendees to Mass.
 - Christmas mass schedule has been published, does not include 11am mass.
 - Idea: Publicize Christmas mass schedule by posting on the school letter board outside the church - ask Lucas to update. Include in Facebook and YAM.

Stewardship Update

- Stewardship Committee has sent update letter, acknowledging parish’s \$100k deficit
- Survey also asked for availability for volunteering in parish ministries - results are coming in indicating willingness of new (not already volunteering) persons to take on a monthly commitment
 - Ministries most in need of new volunteers: ushers, altar servers
 - Importance of ushers in becoming a more welcoming parish community
 - Fr. Andrew to take topic of ministries, trainings, and call to action such as announcements, to Prayer & Worship committee
- Importance of highlighting success and thanking all involved - volunteers to write thank yous may be needed by Stewardship Committee
- Stewardship’s upcoming message will highlight out of 850 families, less than half are giving of their time/talent/treasure - more engagement still needed

Capital Campaign Update

- Presentation of financials and request of approval from building commission from the Archdiocese in progress
- Estimates for new boiler to be ready soon, based on an assessment from an engineer hired to prepare a set of options.
 - The plan would be comprehensive to both the church and the school. The archdiocese will handle the convent as that belongs to them.
 - Air conditioning could be a part of one of the plans

School Update

- Development director still needed. One applicant so far.
 - Will work with the church's stewardship committee, as well as manage the data in the church & school's database, holistically managing donors for both the church and the school.
 - Blackbaud system can be leveraged to provide insights on data of donors, such as demographics based on zip code, i.e. wealth rating.
 - The Archdiocese uses Blackbaud and is upgrading to the latest version, which is what we use at St Robert. There's a possibility to converge the datasets and connect to provide even greater insights.
- Vice Principal back to full time. School staffing is otherwise good.
- Enrollment season is coming up and though new enrollment person, Maggie, has been onboarded, person word of mouth to spread the word about St. Robert school enrollment is helpful