

Attendees: Father Anthony Francis Spilka, , Mary Frances King, Joe Fatula, Dolores Fatula, Cindy Shorto, Cel Neiderer, Ryan Woodruff, Bill Oleksak, Mike Grandinetti, Olivia Murphy, Jeff Konieczny

Excused: Jack Rovon,

Correspondence: None

Welcome Ryan called the meeting to order. Father Anthony Francis led the council in prayer. This month's meeting will be an abbreviated session. Father Anthony Francis requested council help him prepare a questionnaire entitled "Pastoral Challenges to the Family in the Context of Evangelization" from Bishop Mark. This is a world-wide endeavor by Pope Francis in preparation for the Year of the Synod on Marriage. The Vatican compiled the survey which focuses on the challenges facing modern families in education of children, pastoral care in difficult situations (cohabitation, divorced and separated Catholics) same-sex unions, marriage according to Natural Law and other concerns. The completed report is due back to the diocese by December 13th. Pastoral Council members will reconvene the following Monday evening to finish whatever questions left unanswered at this meeting.

Roll Call: Roll was called; a quorum was present.

Courtesy of the Floor: Stephanie Neighbors, Project Gabriel Coordinator
Stephanie highlighted recent Project Gabriel activities:
Project Gabriel donated \$200 to St Francis of Assisi Parish
With the cost of first-class postage increasing in January 2014, a postcard for Project Gabriel information is being developed.
There will be no December newsletter.
Project Gabriel members along with the Men's Club will combine the annual St Nicholas Party. The event will be held on Sunday, December 8 in the St Francis Activity Center.
A Project Gabriel Christmas Tree is located in the vestibule of the church. All donations are greatly appreciated.
Stephanie also surprised Fr Anthony Francis with a special "New England Patriots" wreath in honor of his birthday.

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the October 24th meeting minutes. Noting no changes or additions, motion to accept the minutes was made by Jeff Konieczny: seconded by Dolores Fatula.

Standard Committee Reports:

Men's Club The Men's Club thanks everyone who helped out at the annual turkey/meat raffle held Sunday, November 10th; it was a great success! There were many volunteers; over 150 people attended.

CCD/Education Annual Children's Christmas Program will be presented at the 4:00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

Cemetery No report.

Building/Maintenance

Father Anthony Francis stated he is still waiting for additional bids for the new church doors.

Liturgy No meeting scheduled until 2014.

Finance No report.

Gabriel Project
Generations for Life

See above.

Fundraising Tabled

Activity Center Ryan plans to meet with activity center committee members for a status report.

Youth Activity No report.

Old Business Carol Pisula is almost done updating the parish website with new links and other additions. Everyone is invited to visit the website and see all the new features.

The Pastoral Council's parish survey form is ready and will be available after all weekend Masses. A box will be placed in the church vestibule for completed surveys. Parishioners have until January 31st to return their forms. All feedback is welcome.

Cindy Shorto distributed report of her findings for the new PA guidelines for parish events featuring any type of chance games i.e. raffles, pull tabs, strip tickets, 50/50s.

New Business Requests made that during the celebration of Mass:

- The amount of wine in the cups be increased so more of the congregation can receive the Precious Blood during Communion.
- Because some lectors are soft spoken, suggestion was made they adjust the microphones so everyone can better hear the sacred scripture readings proclaimed.

Pastor's Comments

Given throughout the course of the meeting.

With nothing further to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Joe Fatula; seconded by Dolores Fatula.

The next council meeting will be **Thursday, January 16, 2014**. **Refreshments:** Cecilia Neiderer

Respectfully submitted,
Cecilia Neiderer

Approved

St Francis of Assisi
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
November 21, 2013

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