

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**November 16, 2023**  
**PRINCE OF PEACE CHURCH – 6:00 pm (Parish Hall)**

- I. Opening prayer (Evangelization Commission)
- II. Roll Call: Fr. Paul Appel, Deacon Andy Hardigan, Fran Buelow, Amanda Eberhart, Sister Kathy Holland, Ed Kross, Anne Leonard, Peter Mascagni, Sandra Sivertsen, Chris Vital, Theresa Williams  
Absent: Kathy Birkett, Joe Brown, Tate Ruden / Excused: Father Khoa Le, Deacon Jeff Schuetzle, Brenda Bertram, Dave Schnier
- III. Approval of Minutes – Father Appel/Stand as approved
- IV. Approval of Agenda - as amended - Anne/Peter
- V. Newly appointed Council Representatives -
  - A. Faith Formation - Fran Buelow
  - B. Stewardship - Jim & Kathy Demong
  - C. Family Life - Sandra Sivertsen
  - D. Select Council Chair and Vice Chair (serves one year term, renewable one time)
    - i. Father Paul made a motion to approve Anne Leonard/Chair & Amanda Eberhart/Vice Chair - motion carried.
- VI. New Commission Chairs
  - A. Evangelization - Lanie Lass
  - B. Worship & Prayer - Jenni Flikkema/Cindy Holliday
  - C. Justice & Peace - Sr. Kathy Holland
  - D. Parish Life -
  - E. Faith Formation - Marla Schultz/Diane Tuescher
  - F. Family Life -
  - G. Stewardship - Jim & Kathy Demong
  - H. Latino Representative -
- VII. Ecclesial Integration Process - Chris
  - i. Training the Pastoral Council in the Ecclesial Integration Process (Integrating the Parish one relationship at a time)
  - ii. Culture changes are affecting our Sunday obligations.
  - iv. Decide as a team, with a leader what are we going to do?
  - v. What can we do to get parishioners to understand that they have a response to the mission of the church? We need to earn their trust, we need to listen.
  - vi. Groups should get together to pray together and plan together. Bridge the gap between ministry leaders, school etc when we are planning our events.
  - vii. Working meeting - gather together once a month, all the commissions and councils, with the purpose of coming together to develop a pastoral plan. Brainstorm-Objections-Action Plan
  - viii. Connect with Diocesan Offices and Community
  - ix. Roadmap looks like: Mission statement, evaluate our mission statement, move forward to our vision statement, goals, objectives, actions steps, implementation.
- VIII. Business - Continue Welcoming and Belonging Visioning for the Parish
  - A. Welcoming Committee - mentor people - Deacon Jeff/Father-getting parish mentors for new families.
  - B. Spring Event - Parish Garage Sale/Junk in the Trunk -
    - i. Last Saturday of April from 8am to 1pm
    - ii. Anyone can rent 2 parking spaces, donut truck, KC luncheon, Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale, church tours
  - C. Blind Spots -
    - i. Single People
      - 1. Commission planned events?
      - 2. Building relationships?

ii. Additional input from commissions

D. Stewardship - Annual Stewardship renewal process

- i. We have received 265 commitment cards back this year, which is down from the 300 we received last year. We need to send some home with students in their backpacks.
- ii. Ministry Leaders should call and thank their people for being members.
- iii. Peter thanked everyone involved for how quickly the new lists were created and sent out.

E. Lenten Parish Mission

Monday through Thursday, March 4 to 7, 2024 (talks by clergy)

Theme: Nurturing Faith in the Little Church: Growing together in God's Love.

- i. 5:30 to 7pm each night
- ii. Adoration & Confessions 5:30 to 7:00pm with the Mission talk at 6:30pm.
- iii. Wednesday night will include Mass and potluck soup supper
- iv. Please keep the calendar free from all meetings and activities on these nights.  
Please encourage all families to attend this mission.

IX. ADA update (changed from Diocesan Capital Campaign Update)

- Last year we went over our goal and received a refund.
- There were 325 pledges last year. This year so far we have received 172 pledges (65% of our goal) - -
- Please get your ADA commitments in as soon as possible.

*The Prince of Peace Christmas K-8 program will be held at the church this year on Dec. 11th. The Evangelization Commission is serving refreshments and are looking for people to volunteer with cookies, setup/teardown, serving, ect. They will also be handing out a card to promote the Christmas Mass schedule. Father Paul would like this to be an all parish event. Please spread the word and extend invitations.*

X. Adjournment - Father Paul - end with a prayer and close (7:30pm)

XI. Closing Prayer (Hail Mary)

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be Thursday, January 18th at 6:00pm.

The Faith Formation Commission representative will lead the opening prayer.