



Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

01/27/25

St. James Resource Room

Time

The meeting started at 5:31 p.m. and adjourned at approximately 6:35 p.m.

Members present

Fr. Drew Olson
Alan Mahinski, Chairman
Elaine Staley
Christopher Stoker, Secretary
Leticia Rodríguez
Ana Michelle Guerrero-Rivera
Cesar Espiritu

Ex Officio Members with the Finance Council Present

Marie Ethen

Ex Officio Members Present

Amber Cerrato
Bonnie Moschkau

Excused

Chris Eshun
Mary Ann Haack
Adriana Castillo, Vice-Chairman

Absent

Maria Guadalupe Andrade
Adriana Cruz

Approval of minutes:

- Correction was noted to correctly spell Marie Ethen's Name.



Resolution regarding traditional Sunday events

- There was concern from parishioners of why Parish events could not happen during mass on Sundays, and clarification was provided on why this change was made.
- The two main reasons for this change/clarification provided:
 - Recover the importance of Sunday
 - Logistical reasons

Review Mission Briefs

- Pastoral Council Mission Brief was read to the council and shared around the table for people to review.

Apostolic Leadership meetings update

- A review was given on the recent leadership meeting.
- The process of the new system was noted to the council.
- Insights from the meeting:
 - A better understanding of all that goes on in apostolates and for the OLG priests
 - A need for clear systems
- Bonnie noted a greater need to communicate to the parish of the actions, progress, and work of the parish council.
 - One possible solution was to make the meeting notes more public by posting the notes in the parish bulletin via QR code or simply posting the notes on the parish website.
 - It was requested that Alan provide a simple bulleted text summary of the parish notes to be summarized
 - 50 words or less
 - Provided on a monthly basis
 - A motion was made by Bonnie for this to be implemented.



Update on Madre Peregrina Meeting 1/12/26

- Plans are in motion
 - Met with the priest in La Crosse that is helping run the Madre Peregrina event
 - 4 Parish members are working as a team to help plan the event

- Amber provided details on what the week and the different events will look like. She also provided details on the planning that is in motion.
 - April 6th Our Lady will arrive to the parish & 7th there will be a kickoff mass
 - Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, schools in the area are invited to join
 - More details are forthcoming

- Needs that we are looking for support for this event:
 - Audio, visual, & technical resources/equipment/knowledge.
 - Large tents for up to 300 people
 - People who are willing to donate food
 - People who are willing to donate money for the event

Review of the Site Use Vision

- Fr. Drew presented notes and an update on the Site Use Vision
- High level update was given as there are more details that need to be ironed out before they can be shared
- The two main questions that are being asked in this vision:
 - How much will it cost to build the vision at the St. Joseph site?
 - How much can the other sites fund the vision at the St. Joseph site?

School Vision Presentation

- Fr. Drew presented the current goals of St. James school. **Final thoughts for Discussion**
- Alan let the council know that he is seeking approval for him and a committee to repair the kneelers at St. James.
- Alan let the council know that \$4,984 was awarded through an endowment grant for bus passes for those in need in the surrounding community.
- Chris Stoker let the council know that he plans to host the parish council for dinner at his house. Dates TBD.