

## **St Francis of Assisi Pastorate Parish Council Meeting**

The first meeting of the new St Francis of Assisi Pastorate Parish Council meeting was held on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the basement of St Ignatius Church in Mt Horeb Wisconsin.

The meeting was called to order by Father Rob Butz at 6:03 PM. Father Rob led with an opening prayer.

In attendance were Father Rob Butz, Father Prabhakar Singareddy, Patty Powers, Jim Syse, Laura Tisch, Nancy Parsley, Paul Murphy, Jerry Zander, Tory Meyer and Audrey Rue.

Kevin Wall was excused.

We went around the table and introduced ourselves.

Audrey Rue explained the term limits and the future election process. There were concerns about unfairness.

It was explained what the Parish Council's responsibility/purpose is. It was noted the Parish Council is advisory to the priest, not a decision-making body.

Election of Officers:

Nancy Parsley nominated Patty Powers for the Secretary position. Motion was seconded by Jim Syse. Nominations were closed. Elected by unanimous vote. Patty Powers will serve as Secretary until June 30, 2026

Laura Tisch nominated Paul Murphy for the Vice Chair position. Motion was seconded by Jim Syse. Nominations were closed. Elected by unanimous vote. Paul Murphy will serve as Vice Chair until June 30, 2026.

Nancy Parsley nominated Audrey Rue for the Chair position. Motion was seconded by Jim Syse. Nominations were closed. Elected by unanimous vote. Audrey Rue will serve as Chair until June 30, 2026.

The bylaws were distributed. Everyone was encouraged to read them. Further discussion and adoption at a future meeting.

Father Rob explained the need for a Mission Statement. Samples from other parishes were shared. This will be further discussed at a future meeting.

We talked about Father Rob's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. No decisions made. Father has not chosen a date to celebrate as of yet.

Tory Meyer explained the application of a raffle license. One is needed by the Chicken Bar B Que in Ridgeway.

Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Parish Office in Mt Horeb.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim Syse, seconded by Nancy Parsley