

St. Frances of Rome/St. Leonard Joint Parish Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2024

Location: SFR room at the Clifton Center

Called to Order: 6:06 PM.

St. Frances of Rome Attendees: Mary Masick (Chair), Therese Bawa, Sr. Agnes Coveney, Bill Johnston, and Mary Keyer.

St. Leonard Attendees:, Julia Bauscher (Chair), Jay Branham (Vice Chair) (via cell phone – dropped off at 6:14PM), Will Coburn, Mike Gandolfo, Allison Gousha, Gary Gruneisen, Katie McCullum (Secretary) (via cell phone) and Fr. Pepper.

Absent: Laura Harpring, Greg Brotzge, Shannon Burns, Jane Wehner

Guests: Teresa Riggs & Dutch Boehnlein

Agenda:

1. Synod Prayer
2. Introductions
3. Finance Reports – Dutch Boehnlein and Teresa Riggs
4. Upcoming Events
 - a. St. Leonard/Clifton Community Council Flea Market – April 20th, Parking lot
 - b. St. Frances of Rome “Non-Picnic” Picnic
 - c. Picnic 2024 – September 7, 2024 – discuss participation
 - d. Other
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Administration Committee
 - b. Formation Ministries
 - c. Parish Life – Katie G. has resigned as Chair
 - d. Worship Committee
 - e. Outreach Ministries
 - f. Pastoral Care
 - g. Administration
6. Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Fr. Pepper led the opening prayers with Council Members from both parishes offering additional prayers.

Introductions

Finance Reports

Dutch - \$10k to the positive for St. Frances due to varying circumstances including vacancies.

Teresa - \$40k to the positive for St. Leonard. New donors, collections on track. No major repairs of late. Lease with Immaculata is going great.

Both finance chairs will begin working on 2024-25 budgets.

Upcoming Events

- a. St. Leonard/Clifton Community Council Flea Market – April 20th, Parking lot – 42 tables reserved. Donuts & coffee will be provided. Thanks to Katie G. for leading the efforts.
- b. St. Frances of Rome “Non-Picnic” Picnic
- c. Picnic 2024 – September 7, 2024 – both councils want to continue the collaboration of the parishes on this and other projects/events. Fr. Pepper believes both pastors will encourage collaboration.
- d. Other – **Pentecost Mass** – will be 5/18 at 10:30. All PC members were asked to sign up to help with the event. Lunch will be provided after the Mass. Chicken will be provided by the parishes and Terese is setting up a sign-up genius for parishioners to sign up to bring sides. All former pastors and deacons that have served since we have been clustered will be invited.

Committee Reports

- a. Administration Committee – No March meeting
- b. Formation Ministries – circulated to the Councils for review prior to meeting.
- c. Parish Life – Katie G. has resigned as Chair
- d. Worship Committee – circulated to the Councils for review prior to meeting.
- e. Outreach Ministries – circulated to the Councils for review prior to meeting.
- f. Pastoral Care – circulated to the Councils for review prior to meeting.
- g. Administration -

Other Business

Fr. Pepper met with both priests (Fr. Chandler & Fr. Shane). Both trying to wrap their heads around staff organization but have said no one will lose their jobs. Both parishes will remain independent with their own identities/communities.

Communication will need to be prepared for parishioners to let them know it is business as usual. Teresa will proceed with a budget for St. Leonard and then shore up once there is more clarity. This new structure could open new doors for our parishes. We need to be vocal and be visible so they don't forget about us since we are small. How do we protect our small churches when paired with larger churches with schools? We could attract more people through the cluster experience as people decide to start attending our smaller parishes. Mass schedules might change. The

more assistance we can provide Fr. Chandler and Fr. Shane the better as they are taking on more work. Fr. Pepper made it clear we are not merging parishes. Communication to all parishioners should be ready to send out by next week. People need reassurance as soon as possible via email, bulletin and mailings.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:03 PM.

The next meeting will be May 15, 2024, at 6:00 PM for St. Frances of Rome.

The next meeting will be May 7, 2024, at 6:00 PM for St. Leonard.

Respectfully submitted,
Katie McCullum, Secretary