

Ascension Parish Council
Minutes
1/30/2024

Father, Cindy, Katie, Patrick, Aaron, Jake, Karen O, Abby, Kate B, Dan Young, Tony Forns, Bryan Back

Father opened with prayer

Review of prior meeting minutes – no changes

- Approved

Meeting date changes

- Staying on Tuesdays going forward
- Next meeting 2/27/24
- 4th Tuesday of every month

Pastor's update

- Igive – 26k
- Tony Forns gave update on cameras/lighting/window film
 - o Finalizing camera plan – adding 5 new cameras, have 19 currently,
 - o Replacing DVR
 - o Have bid on 3M window film
 - o Possible LED upgrades on parking lot lights, adding some lighting in rear of building for teachers arriving early in morning
 - o May be able to do entire proposed project for \$30k range – Tony coming back to finance committee with a plan
- Father mentioned Formed.org and his experience with the site, asking people to give it a try and promote it.
- Communion minister updates – additional training needed for those taking communion to the sick
- On May 12, mother's day Marian procession – feast day of ascension – first communion kids will wear their outfits again for this
- Coordinating with other parishes in our region for ministry
 - o Possible Tuesday evening mass – trying to coordinate with other parishes to offer masses at more days and times
- Sound system – had it evaluated – some attendees are saying they can't hear mass clearly
- Committee reports – don't need complete minutes, just a summary to be provided to Cindy

Patrick

- Alcohol inventory control – Adrian Bates is heading that up
- Staff
 - o Katie – PR – got married
 - o Robert – expecting child #3
- Committee minutes – posted to parish website
- Stewardship appeal – Theresa and Katie to be sending communications out
- Eddie overseeing sacramental development at school
- Ready to revisit bylaws whenever PC feels the need
 - o Athletics recently updated theirs
- Discussion of new catholic members and education process

Discussion of B&G projects and approval process by finance committee – Approval required for unbudgeted items in excess of \$1,000.

Committee Reports:

School Board

- Open House – successful, more than October '23
- Working on some action items that came out of the principal/parent meetings

Building and Grounds

- Possible speaker screen replacement, carpet repairs
- Church offices are settling, bids coming

PTO

- Taste of Ascension – Saturday
 - o All tables sold out
 - o Difficuly getting restaurant donors
 - PTO having to buy more of the food this year
- Term of all board members in up in May
 - o 3 people volunteered for officer positions

Worship

- Items previously covered by Father
- Had another school mass that went well
- Complaints on too much incense at Christmas mass

Security

- Door numbering – Metro Safe
- Possible emergency first aid kits

Finance

- Tuition increases were discussed, next year's increase will likely not be small. Discussion was had about impact that might have on enrollment.

Father closed meeting with a prayer.