

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: 10/16/2023 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Council: Lynne, Louise, Michael, Jim, Lisa, Deb, Dan-VP, Bob-President; and minutes by Leslie

Absent: Barry excused

Staff: Fr. Fred

Fr. Fred led the group in prayer invoking the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine for Peace in the Holy Land. He shared his personal journey and what he strives for and some key people who have provided some outlines and perspectives for meeting the challenges of what the church is facing in these times. Fr. Fred provided several pages of handouts summarizing the tenets provided by Fr. Will Schmid in his book "From Christendom to Apostolic Mission." He also spoke on what missionary disciples in our counter Christian culture would look like today as described by Curtis Martin in his book "Making Missionary Disciples."

Fr. Fred will send all council members the white paper "Making and Missionary Disciples." He also spoke on Kerygma and how we need to understand what Kerygma stands for. Fr. Fred spoke of some themes (trust, curiosity, openness and conversion) in Sherry Waddell's book "Forming Intentional Disciples" and suggested having a leadership meeting with parish leaders.

Highlighted Topics:

- An advertising salesperson is needed for the magazine.
- Discussion on how best to use the magazine and the messages
- Deb will arrange more meetings of the magazine committee - content is good through December
- A suggestion is to highlight new families recently registered
- An update regarding some staff members was provided
- Dan reported on the surveys- another meeting Wednesday
- Fr. Fred - Revenues are up a bit on collections - need to re-budget in a few months
- Fr. Fred be meet with CCF to refresh the campaign for rectory
- Bob - Father Simon farewells this Sunday
- Bob is also working to open coffee shop Sundays starting in December- we need volunteers

Next Parish Council Meeting: November 20, 2023 (3rd Monday of the month)

Submitted by: Leslie Arnison (recording secretary)