

*Parish Council Meeting
February 7, 2023*

Present at the meeting: Fr. Mark Kusmirek, Pastor, Mo Watkins, Mike Williams, Mary Endres and Karen Bledsoe. Dennis Kutach was unable to attend.

Fr. Mark called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Father Mark opened with a prayer. The first item of business was to discuss the selection of a new president. Our new council president is Mary Endres.

Father reflected on planning for the rest of 2023. He was pleased with all of the accomplishments during 2022. The topic of a community fish fry was addressed again, maybe during Lent, as well as the possibility of reinstating the chicken dinner sales. The chicken dinners were physically exhausting and now our cooks are even older. Selling hot dogs and hamburgers instead of chicken was an alternative idea. Parish activities that bring people together, such as vacation bible school, game nights, etc., is a goal. We felt we need more input from other parishioners. He would like for each of us to invite at least one person to attend the next PPC meeting to help brainstorm the direction we would like to head for the rest of the year.

Father gave us copies of a handout for our review. This will be mailed to parishioners before Ash Wednesday and again before Palm Sunday. It will include a schedule of the Easter services that will be provided and other important Easter preparation items to be shared with parishioners. He would like to have them hand addressed and stamped, so will be seeking volunteers from the parishioners for both mailings.

Lenten prayer and the Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) program were reviewed. GIFT is for anyone who wants to know more about our faith and grow closer to God. We will be having a Mardi Gras social on Feb 19 after Mass to kick off Lent this year.

Father Mark mentioned that our kids cannot attend Pines Camp the week they were assigned to attend. However, their parents will still be able to take them independently at another time.

The implementation of Mothers' Day Out, when Frankston ISD transitions to a 4-day school week, was revisited. Discussion ensued about the real need for this type of a program in our small community. More information needs to be gathered.

Our parish will be sponsoring the Rosary Rally Saturday, Feb. 11 at 1:00 pm, culminating with Mass and the anointing of the sick.

Next Meeting will be March 14, 2023, at 5:00 pm.

Mary closed with a prayer at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mo Watkins for Dennis Kutach, Secretary