

Notre Dame Parish
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2025
6:00pm (via zoom)

Present: Fr. Vener, Jibin Jacko, Colleen Richard, Carol Handfield, JC Zozobrado

Absent: Kevin Blocka

Regret: Donna Blocka

Non-Voting: Recording Secretary - Yvonne Becotte

Finance - Pauline Gerwien

1. Opening Prayer - led by Fr. Vener
2. Approval of the Agenda. Motioned by Carol H., seconded by Colleen R. Carried.
3. Approval of the Minutes of December 10, 2024, Motioned by Fr. Vener, seconded by Colleen R. Carried.
4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 - 6 c) January 1, Fr. Vener celebrated Mass to officially open Notre Dame Parish as a Pilgrim Church.
 - 6 d) We had four people attend Liturgy Workshop for Readers - they were commissioned on Saturday/Sunday, Feb 8/9. We will have another workshop for EMHC and Adult Servers. - date to be decided
5. Reports
 - a. CWL - Carol Handfield**
 - had successful Grand in Hand - the winner generously donated the money to Notre Dame School. (There were 10 gift cards purchased from Walmart and were handed out to 10 different families at the school, who were in need)
 - have two new members. Memberships are still be collected.
 - hosting Soup and Bun on April 6 after the 10:00 mass. Fee is by donation, and money collected will be sent to Development and Peace
 - there will be no coffee and goodies in April as that is Easter Sunday
 - b. KC - no report**
 - c. School Liaison - Colleen Richard**
 - Notre Dame students did the ministries on fourth Sunday (January 24)
 - celebrated Catholic School week; art display in Church, assembly and sing along, cereal box dominos and donations, formed movie event, trivia fun learning about our lady, prayer service, community lunch - busy but fun week
 - started our annual read-a-thon
 - Fr. Vener and I are busy interviewing for kindergarten for next school year - have 34 applications; can only accept 25
 - d. Community Life - Fr. Vener**
 - Fr. Vener and Yvonne took the young people who have been doing the readings in our regular Sunday Masses, out for brunch on February 2
 - two candidates dropped out of Confirmation, so we currently have 16

- 1st Communion still remains at 26
- on Easter Vigil, we will have 2 baptisms, 3 confirmation and holy communion

e. Finance - Pauline Gerwien

- report attached

Motioned by Fr. Vener., seconded by Carol H. that the reports be accepted as presented. Carried.

f. Filipino Rep - JC Zozobrado

- talked about cultural events - the Filipino community has a few different groups in the community

g. Indian Rep - Jibin Jacko

- asked about next Reader workshop as has had some inquiries from members of Indian community
- will let Fr. know if and when, the Syro Malabar Priest will be visiting

6. New Business

a. Designated Jubilee

- We will have 10 designated celebrations at Notre Dame Parish
- March 8 and 9 - acknowledge volunteers
- May 16 - Ministry appreciation
- May 28 - Relic of St. John Paul II will be at church - parishioners will have the opportunity to pray before Relic
- April 5 and 6 - Sick and Health Care Workers celebration

b. Lenten & Easter Celebrations

- March 5 - Ash Wednesday - 2 masses - 11:00am and 7:30pm
- April 9 - Chrism Mass in Prince George
- April 13 - Palm Sunday
- April 20 - Easter Sunday

c. Ministry Update

- Fr. Vener will be bringing all the signed safe parish forms to PG
- only need three more Criminal Record Checks done

7. Next Meeting: April 1, 2025, at 6PM via Zoom

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:20pm

9. Closing Prayer led by Fr. Vener