

## **Minutes**

### **Pastoral Council Meeting**

#### **Blessed Sacrament Parish**

**Feb 13, 2025**

The meeting opened with prayer at 6:30 PM.

In attendance were Fr Tim Hoag, Fr Robert Kinyon, David Raml, Dave DiMaria, Bill Colson, Ashley Hunsaker-Bradsky, Tony Ohlmacher, Emily Herrera, Pat Moran, and Mary Ireland.

January meeting minutes were approved. Dave DiMaria moved and Dave Raml seconded the motion.

### **President's Report**

An agenda was distributed, but the preponderance of the evening's discussion revolved around the first bullet item: Sharing personal testimonies and stories of council members' individual faith journeys – what called each to Faith and to serve. Testimonies varied, but themes emerged:

- Strong family foundation
- Call to serve
- Personal invitation to explore Catholicism, RCIA, the Mass
- Personal invitation to become involved and engaged
- Witness – silent and direct -- of spouses, friends, family, co-workers, neighbors
- Role models
- Power of the Sacraments
- Wanting to marry in the Church and raise kids Catholic
- Many tripping points in college when away from practicing family and friends
- Our Lady
- Reading and studying
- Priests visiting homes

The remaining President's agenda items were tabled to the next meeting, but Bill reminded members to

- submit topics and points for consideration in addition to the agenda

- Forward thoughts for discussion relative to hopes, concerns, and challenges for our parish

## **Pastor's Report**

### Brief discussion about the Restoration project

- Fr Tim apologized for an error in an informational letter sent out and apologizes to those who were confused by the inaccurate date
- Dave DiMaria reviewed the fact sheet handed out at the meeting that summarized the main project elements and laid out the timeline from the project's beginning just over six years ago
- Tony Ohlmacher assured that there is a plan for contingencies and refining the process
  - This has been a long, carefully thought out and developed project
- Town halls have been conducted thoughtfully present the project to parishioners
  - Need discussed to polish up the talking points from the Power Points. Mary Ireland agreed to track them down and do so
- The Steier Group is conducting a series of interviews and correspondences as part of the feasibility study that will be reviewed to determine the project's future, including whether or not it should be reduced or implemented in phases
- Presuming the project goes forward, a capital campaign will begin after the feasibility study
  - The review team is composed of highly experienced construction and business experts
- Cost estimates were reviewed with a reminder that diocesan policy requires 75% in cash and pledges before construction can begin
- Emily Herrera raised a good question about addressing those who would want to pay for particular items, such as those for infrastructure, rather than into a general fund
  - In short, given the complexities of such targeting, the possibility of a separate building/infrastructure fund as part of the campaign was discussed