

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Leadership Council Meeting Minutes (1/08/09)

Attendees:

- **Joe Cabrido, Chair**
- **Will Sousae**
- **Ed Davalle**
- **Lisa Nakamura**
- **Marynka Rojas**
- **Julie Parayno**
- **Steve Volm**
- **Dave Tillmans**

Parish Leadership Council Meeting Minutes:

Regular Monthly Agenda Items:

1. **Pastor's Report**
After an opening prayer, Joe Cabrido introduced and welcomed the new parish council members: Steve Volm, Administration Commission Chair; Dave Tillmans, Ad hoc member; and Julie Parayno, Ad hoc Member. All parish council seats have now been filled. Joe then provided a recap of the last month's meeting, and a summary of the evening's agenda.
2. **Pastoral Administrator's Report**
None
3. **Finance Report**
None

Transition Team Report

Jerry Szelong, Transition Team chair, provided the pastoral council with a short white paper. This paper announced the availability of the transition report and the two appendices on the SFOA website and provided a brief summary of its contents. If a parishioner did not have access to the internet, a hardcopy is available in the parish office, and upon request a hardcopy can be made available.

Administration Commission Report

Steve Volm provided a brief summary highlighting the ongoing Mission Center construction progress.

ECC Commission Report

None.

Pastoral Commission Report

None

Faith Formation Commission Report

Lisa Nakamura summarized GOF progress and accomplishments.

Discussion Topic: Letter to the Bishop regarding Transition

After a brief discussion on how to improve the letter, the revisions were unanimously approved. The parish council was also unanimous in agreeing to send the letter to the Bishop. The letter endorses the transition team report and highlights the desire of the SFOA community to keep the small ecclesial communities and the lay leadership model. The letter will be mailed this coming week.

Discussion Topic: Parish Council Self Assessment

Joe then led the group in a discussion on how we thought we were doing as a council.

We are now staffed and are organized, but it was acknowledged that attendance at the council meetings was lacking. Joe stated that the attendance hovered around 60%, and that we can do better.

The priorities laid out in the Sept-08 kickoff meeting were accepted to still be valid. One of these priorities was the successful pastor transition, and the discussion on this topic led to a question as to what “lay leadership” meant for our team. An observation was that Msgr. John had successfully led our “lay leadership” and staff, and had done an outstanding job in integrating and coordinating the activities of the parish. However, with Msgr. John’s departure just around the corner, the parish council has to fill this role.

It was decided that a focused meeting needs to take place to discuss and define our lay leadership model, provide clarity in our roles and responsibilities, and define our near term and strategic plan. Joe Cabrido took the action to schedule a Saturday session from 8-11am for this focus meeting.

New Business:

1. None

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- Feb. 5**
- Mar. 5**
- Apr. 2**