

**Cathedral of St. Joseph Parish Council Meeting**  
**6:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 13, 2022**  
**Approved Electronically on December 27, 2022**

**Opening Prayer** – Fr. Louis Nelen

**Call to Order** – Chandra Prasad, President

**Roll Call** – Darlene Kliethermes

**Present:** Fr. Louis Nelen, Richard Aubuchon, Keri Austin, Gina Bailey, Jon Browning, Aaron Hildreth, Chandra Prasad and Morgan Trimble

**Absent:** Ann Kampeter and Melanie Lanigan

**Minutes of September 20, 2022 Meeting:** – (Reviewed/approved by Parish Council on September 28, 2022 via electronic review/vote).

**Pastor's Report** – Fr. Louis Nelen

**Cathedral Renovation**

- Due to ongoing supply issues, the current timeline for completing the undercroft is February 24, 2023. We will still need to do some finishing work early in January. We did not receive enough material to complete the wood ceiling so that can be finished when the material gets here. Need to install door locks that have been on back order. We received approximately 50 wooden doors, and we were only able to keep 10 of them because of damage. The doors will be hung but will have to be replaced when the new ones come in.
- The two things that will be outstanding will be the elevator and the air handling units. The elevator can't be commissioned until the upstairs is done and we are waiting for some materials to come in for the air handlers. The units will work but not at full efficiency until materials are here and installed.
- The new kitchen equipment is in and installed. The new and the old equipment all needs to be deep cleaned before we move in.
- We are aiming for a completion date for the upstairs of March 3, 2023. There are still many pieces that need to come together upstairs.
- The limestone is going up on the outside now and should hopefully be done by the first of the year. Then they can start on the covered drive. Much of this work is going to be subject to the weather. Landscaping plants and shrubs will be done by Green Horizons and scheduled according to weather and plants to be put in.
- Then for the inside we were promised three stained class windows to be installed for the opening dedication. Those should be installed already this week.
- The terrazzo floors are almost complete.
- The marble has been a bit more problematic. The installers are slow and they need more supervision. They have messed up a few things and had to do them over.
- The mosaics are in route to us now from Italy. We saw pictures of them and they are spectacular.
- The main front doors are a real problem right now. We received a message that they would be shipped in March. That is a big problem when it will take approximately six weeks to get them here. We are working on a back-up plan to find a local wood working company to build us some temporary wood doors so we don't have to add further delay.
- Pipe organ won't be finished until the fall.
- Stained glass windows are a slow process, and we expect to receive first half in July with the remainder in December.

**Stewardship – Financial Report**

- The reports show our giving from July through November is almost identical to last year's giving. There was discussion regarding giving and active parishioner status.

**Foundation**

- No report.

**Cemetery Board for Resurrection Cemetery**

- No report.

**Cathedral School Report** –by Gina Bailey - See written report.

**Youth Report** - See written report.

**Faith Formation Report** – See written report.

**Stewardship Committee Report** – No report.

**Social Concerns Committee & Pro-Life Committee** - No report

**Old Business –**

- Parish Mission Statement. We need additional time to work on this. Stewardship Committee is willing to work with us on this. This was moved to January meeting for further discussion.

**New Business –**

- Pastoral letter dated December 9, 2022.
- Discussion regarding topics included in the letter. How to address some of the problems that are expected from our parishioners as a result of the new stewardship plan: giving, our faith, Mass attendance, Active Parishioner Status, qualifications and benefits for attending our school, school discipline, volunteering.
- Following the lengthy discussion on the above, it was decided that changes need to happen. That we shouldn't continue as we are without addressing some of the problems and needed changes.
- There were suggestions given to Fr. Nelen from the council on ideas to address spiritual issues as well as financial issues.
- Fr. Nelen is taking the suggestions under advisement and will put something together for review by the council before going forward with any changes.

**No meeting in October or November.**

**Closing prayer – Fr. Nelen**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 17, 2023, 6:00 P.M.in the Parish Office**

**Respectfully submitted:** Darlene Kliethermes

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/s/  
Chandra Prasad, President

Date: 12/27/2022