



Pastoral Council

**Mary of the Visitation
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 28th, 2024
West Campus, Becker**

1. Opening Prayer
2. Members Present
 - a. Father Mike, Ron Dietl, Brenda Ewing, Vern Jurek, Sandi Ferris
 - b. [Parish Council 2023-24](#)
3. Addition/Adjustments - Approval of Sept Minutes
[Parish Council Minutes Oct 2023](#)
4. Parishioner Input
 - a. No Parishioners Present
5. Ministry Team Updates
 - a. Finance
 1. We are on budget. \$21,000 for fall donations. Above budget for festival. Haven't had the raffle yet. Some money was put away for capital improvements. Nice to have money to do that. We are in a great place financially. We are blessed. Saving money on heat because of warm weather
 - b. Liturgy
 1. Planning for Advent. Ordered a few Advent books. One for children and one for adults. Getting new baskets lined with felt.
 - c. Building & Grounds
 1. Met with a contractor about the windows in the entryway at Becker campus . There was soot and water spots from some of the beams.
 2. 2 Issues - Leaking Window and Roof
 - a. Leaking Windows - Close the windows. Cost would be \$75/hour. Could be fixed for under \$1,000. Joe and Mike Lempere are willing to come to our Jan Meeting to discuss. They are local and highly recommended.

- b. Later work for spring: Roof work. There was possible hail damage. We should get that checked out.
 - 3. We will move forward with fixing the leaking window and try to get the rest done by fall.
 - 4. Also working on Landscaping. Getting some Ideas
- d. Faith Formation
 - i. Youth Mission trip to Montana - 4th of July weekend
 - ii. 1st reconciliation - 26 this year
 - iii. Fall kickoff went well
 - iv. Barb is retiring July 1st. Working on a Job Description.
 - 1. Retirement party would be appropriate
 - 2. Start advertising after Jan 1st
 - 3. Faith Formation team would be a good group to be a part of the interview process
- e. Knights
 - i. Breakfast this weekend. Omelets and biscuits
- f. Parish Council
 - i. Still looking for possible youth member for a 1 year term. Father may just reach out to some youth that he thinks might be good candidates. Plant the seed
- g. Hospitality/Special Events
 - i. No update
- 6. Land in Big Lake - Future discussion
 - a. City was interested at one time. Father would like to have someone bring some ideas to discuss about what to do with the land
- 7. Building Projects
 - a. Steeple at Big Lake - maybe next year
- 8. Youth Group update
 - a. All is going well
- 9. Closing Prayer

NEXT meeting: Jan 23rd, 2024