

St. John Neumann Catholic Church

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2025 at 7:00 PM in Conference Room

Status	Title	Name
P	Pastor	Fr. Sunny Punnakuziyil
P	Parochial Vicar	Fr. Noble Dominic Ambalathuruthel
P	Chair	Carlos Alarcon
E	Chair Elect	Creighton Deasy
P	Secretary	Aimee Minton
E	At-Large	Jim Curtiss
P	At-Large	Andrew Dantzer
P	At-Large	Wendy Guillory
P	At-Large	Sean Janargin
P	At-Large	Ric Kohrumel
P	At-Large	David Navarro
P	Stewardship Committee and Staff Representative	Deacon Mike Hayward
P	Finance Council Representative	Larry Hoffman

- II. Call to Order Chair
- III. Opening Prayer Father Sunny
- IV. Minutes from November 20, 2024 meeting Aimee Minton
 - 1. Motion to Approve Chair
 - 2. Comments and/or discussion
 - 3. Second/Vote
- V. Word from the Chair Carlos Alarcon
- VI. New Business Carlos Alarcon
- VII. Continuing Business:
 - a) Sustaining Leadership in Our Ministries Creighton Deasy
 - b) Safety and Security Ministry Update Father Sunny

The ministry will be starting up again after new leaders are found.
 - c) Latino Community Update Dave Navarro
 - i. Successful Our Lady of Guadalupe programs with the addition of the children's choir was truly enjoyed.

- ii. Upcoming special Candelaria Mass in honor of Candlemas on February 2nd.
 - iii. Feb 12 Latino ministry meeting.
 - iv. Lenten retreat planned with date to come
 - v. Servidores de Cristo (Christ Servers) meetings to start on Fridays in January at 7 pm starting on January 17th. Topics will be Creation, Redemption and Sanctification.
- VIII. Evangelization Update Deacon Mike Hayward
- i. ChristLife English sessions started on January 9th. (90 signed up) 65 showed up
Many of the people attended who don't usually participate outside of Mass.
 - ii. ChristLife Spanish started on January 14 with 15 people, many of whom do not usually participate outside of Mass.
 - lii. Stephens Ministry meeting on January 13 with Cathy Burns. Two of the attendees from the meeting are needed to be trainers and to go through the Stephens Ministry formal training session.

IX. Financial Peace University Series

Sean Jarnigan

A Real Estate Information Program will be held on February 1st. Sixty-five people have signed up so far. The Financial Peace University series will be promoted at this program.

X. Comments/Questions from the Members

Chair

- a) Larry Hoffman, finance committee shared highlights

The Endowment Fund \$1.4 million which is an increase over the last few months. Offertory for fiscal year is slightly ahead of budget. Religious education revenue increased by 50% due to more participation.

- b) Andrew Gantzer questioned about the repairs of certain items in the parish to elevate the image of the church.

Our new Operations Manager, Mike Crowell started on January 6th.

Recommendation to the parish council to be proactive in telling the office about items that need repairs, cleaning, etc. with an email to the person in charge of that area.

- c) The Smile Race is on March 22 per Sean Jarnigan.
- d) Sean also discussed the great call out titled "Do at Least One Thing" in the St. Lawrence parish newsletter to inspire people to look at the ministries of the church and become more involved in parish life. Discussed how we can include something like this in our newsletter and on our website. We will share the information with Paul Suwak.
- e) For future PC meetings, Deacon Mike Hayward would like to include Wendy Guillory in the pastoral council agenda regarding our Evangelization programs.
- f) David Navarro expressed interest in having a Spanish version or Bilingual Financial Peace University programs.
- g) Ric Kohrumel discussed the St. Paul Street Evangelization training videos that have been shown to the Flame of Love prayer groups.
- h) Father Sunny commented on the success of the ChristLife program with over 200 people completing the program in 2024. Father would like for our ministries to be promoted to the participants in the 2025 sessions.

- i) Father Sunny discussed how the parish is trying to restart the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Despite many forms of solicitation to the parish, four volunteers are still needed to sign up.
- j) Deacon Mike Virtus safe environment training is on January 28 at 10 am in English. Spanish Virtus training will be upcoming.

XI. Next Meeting: February 19, 2025

Aimee Minton

XII. Closing Prayer

Father Noble

XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm

Chair