

Parish Council Minutes from August 12, 2026 meeting

Location: Disciples Room

Attending: Brian, Susanne, Len, Mike, Fr. Dan

Absent: Mark, Caroline

Encounter, Grow, Serve

Encounter Christ

Grow in our Faith

Serve One Another

Prayer

- Fr. Dan Report
 - Fr. Baer joined the team getting acclimated to our community
 - Hired 2 new advancement team members
 - Marvin Byas IV - hired as Asst. Director of Music
- Liaison reports
 - James Benson - Communications

Parish Council Town Hall Discussion

***Thursday Oct. 22nd 6pm - 7:30pm**

- Structure of the Parish Council
 - Quarterly Meetings for PC (Aug, Nov, Feb, May)
 - Town Hall meeting in October - "State of the Parish w/Q&A"
 - Update parish on what?
 - Staff overview
 - Pastor report
 - Q&A
 - How can we get people to ask questions?
 - Paper opportunities - drop box at Masses
 - Online form
 - Online chat - zoom
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Combination of in person and online - Live stream - Hold it in the church

Probably going to need a dry run - James - director of communications (IT intern)

Format of the Town Hall

All staff attend, maybe half,

Marketing?

Communicate it over and over and over, everywhere, starting in August.

Create a document letting them know "Why" we're doing

Come up with certain topics beforehand so people know what to expect

Attaching a letter from Fr. Dan explaining what this is going to be and what our goals are for doing it.

Set up/Organization?

What is the goal of the Town Hall? How will we determine if it was successful?

New Business

Next meeting date: Sept. 16th 4:45pm - Disciples Room

Petitions/Closing Prayer

Liaison Assignments (Reminders):

- Mark Williams with Thomas Rose
- Brian Allen with Liturgy (Andrea)
- Caroline with Social Justice/Pastoral Counseling (Chelle and Rebecca, respectively)
- Suzanne with Religious Ed/Youth Ministry (Anne and Emily)
- Rebecca W with Campus Ministry (Angelle)
- Len moved from Admin and is now with Communications (James), but offered to help with Admin, too.
- Mike with Adult Faith (Laura Theissen, director of discipleship and faith formation, and Lisa)