

Chris Padre Pio Fraternity Secular Franciscan Order Raleigh, NC

Council Meeting Agenda

6:30 p.m., Feb. 14, 2023

[Zoom](#)

Attendees: Sharon, Gladys, Dave, Chris, Joan, Rachel, Zubair, Char, Lee, Fr Hugh

1. Opening Prayer

Minister: In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Minister: Most high, all-powerful, good God, praise, glory, and honor, and all blessings are yours.

All: Praise and bless my Lord, and give Him thanks, and serve him with great humility.

Minister: Let us pray. Most high, glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our hearts and give us right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity, with wisdom and insight, O Lord, that we may accomplish your holy and true will.

2. Checking in with one another (10 minutes)

3. Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel [Mt 5:38-48](#)

Jesus said to his disciples:

"You have heard that it was said,

An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.

But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil.

When someone strikes you on your right cheek,
turn the other one as well.

If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic,
hand over your cloak as well.

Should anyone press you into service for one mile
go for two miles.

Give to the one who asks of you,
and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said,

You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.

But I say to you, love your enemies
and pray for those who persecute you,
that you may be children of your heavenly Father,
for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good,
and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust.
For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have?
Do not the tax collectors do the same?
And if you greet your brothers only,
what is unusual about that?
Do not the pagans do the same?
So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

3. Minister's report (35 minutes)qq

- Extraction debriefing
 - Paper envelopes so that people can keep their saints and sayings was a good idea.
 - Small group discussion was well received.
- Update on retreat March 10-12 at St. Francis Springs (Lee)
 - 7 singles and 7 doubles. Some people are still looking for roommates. Hermitage has been taken care of.
 - FR Tuttle has a program to release in March.
 - Maryann and Dave provide music.
 - One request for financial support.
- Stations of the Cross at St. Francis of Assisi/March 31, 2023
 - Joan and Char will be happy to help out.
 - Char will discuss with formation candidates
- [Greener Lent website](#) (Michael)
 - Check it out...let me know what you think.
 - Will share with the fraternity
- Prepare for regional visitation on March 26.

- [Visitation description](#) and [documentation](#) .
- Dinner with Area 3 Councilor Betti Longonetti on Saturday, March 25 after visiting Oak City Cares.
 - Dinner somewhere
 - Talk to Betty after Gathering for a debrief.
- Char, Dave, Joan, and Sharon meet with pastoral visitor Georgette Edwards at 10 a.m. Sunday, March 26.
 - Meet with the formation team in the morning
 - Discussion on whether we need a finance audit. Zubair will check with Frank on who did the last audit and whether we need to do one prior to the visitation
- Update /Chris Peffley - [Pilgrimage in update/Assisi in April 2024.](#)
 - Promote this with Holy Cross and St Francis.
 - Chris will do Additional signup inquiry at the next gathering.
- Thanks to all who helped with coffee and donuts at the reception for Fr. Steve Kluge on Feb. 12.
 - Thanks to Joan and her crew
- Discussion

5. Secretary's report/Michael

- [Acceptance of January minutes](#)
- Can we use the Agenda as the meeting minutes? Reduce unnecessary paperwork.
 - Agreed

6. Treasurer's report/Zubair

- Acceptance of the [treasurer's report](#)
 - agreed
- Discussion and adoption of the proposed [2023 budget](#)
 - Larger expenses than normal this year because of visitation and profession.
 - Detailed breakdown of proposed budget
 - Suggestion to have additional diaper donations
 - Budget approved

7. Formation -

- Interview plans for candidates preparing for profession by council members before June.
 - 17 candidates to review by June.
- Interview plans for inquirers preparing for candidacy in April before the May Rite of Welcoming.
 - 5 inquirers to talk to in April. Dave will help schedule.
- Update on Orientation
 - 10 new people. Homework assigned and ready to go.
- Ongoing formation agenda
 - Feb. 26 ongoing formation: L'Arche
 - Gladys spoke with Laura and they are excited to come to the gathering. About 20 minutes presentation
 - Sharon will add the website to the next gathering agenda.
 - March 26 ongoing formation: Padre Pio (Joanne Jacovec)
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 - Formation team meeting TBA

8. Communication- Rachel

- New platform. Sounds interesting. Facebook is still slow to adopt.
- Great content.

9. JPIC- Gladys

- 3 Seculars attend the LArch cooking event. Three students from Duke Divinity
- Thursday Carolyn is hosting a JPIC zoom

10. Closed session to discuss a confidential matter.

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 14 at St. Francis of Assisi library. 6:30??

- 7:00 pm in person meeting at St Francis approved

Closing Prayer:

Prayer: Almighty, most holy, most high and supreme God, all good, supreme good, You Who alone are good, may we give back to You all praise, all in TV glory, all grace, all honor, all blessing, and all good. So be it. So be it.