

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 27, 2022

Fr. Paul opened the meeting with a prayer @ 6:30 pm.

Present: Jose Perlera, Pedro Guerra, Michael Costello, John Perno, Ben Williams, Dee Elliott, Jane Sullivan, Lynn Langston, Fr. Paul Moreau, Fr. Michael Revak

Minutes from the December 2021 meeting were approved by vote, Michael to approve, Pedro seconded.

Fr. Paul's Report

CRHP Program has been updated and is now called "Welcome". Hispanic parishioners have been using the new format. Fr. Paul would like to see the retreat revived for all parishioners.

Hora Santo/Holy Hour is held every 2 weeks on Wednesday with Hispanic parishioners. Father would like to see it expanded to all parishioners with a more structured format: Liturgy of the Hours; Petitions for Prayer; Vespers; Focus on Meditative Prayer; Benediction; Closing Prayer

Fr. Dan Toof at St. Anna's in Monroe is having health issues. Five priests from the Northeast Deanery, including our priests, are helping cover Masses there.

Fr. Michael Revak is serving as a chaplain for both the Sheriff's Office and A-CC Police Department.

Holy Week Mission: our parish will have 25 high school students visiting that entire week. They will attend 8:30am daily Mass and Fr. is requesting that various parish groups provide breakfast for them after Mass each day.

Quinceanera Celebration: Fr. Paul has developed a card to be signed each week by the priest after the candidate has attended Mass. There is a year's preparation for the Quinceanera Mass, and the goal of the signed card is to encourage the family's participation in church.

Update on new church: schematic will be reviewed by the Archdiocese on February 3.

Announcements after Masses have improved and are appreciated.

Lynn Langston:

Requested permission for the RE students and teachers attend the evening Ash Wednesday Mass.

Expressed concern about how Holy Communion is being received by older students and teens.

New class for Special Needs students is forming. Last class was well-received and very successful, and those families are continuing to attend Mass regularly.

Dee Elliott

Several parishioners have expressed concern about cold temperature in gym during Mass. Fr. Paul responded that thermostat is set @ 74 degrees.

Voiced support for new Parish Directory.

Business Discussed

St. Joseph Feast and St. Joseph Award

Solemnity of St. Joseph will be celebrated with a bi-lingual Mass at 8:30am on Saturday, March 19 followed by a free breakfast for the parish. The St. Joseph Award winner will be announced at the end of Mass. Fr. Michael will handle Mass planning and Dee will organize breakfast. After some discussion, decision was made to have a simple Pancake breakfast.

Jane will update St. Joseph Award Nomination Form and have it ready for mid-February. She will post information on the website and parish Facebook page about the Award, Mass and Breakfast. Nominations are due Sunday March 6 and will be reviewed and winner selected at PPC meeting on March 10.

Pastoral Parish Council By-Laws

Fr. Paul distributed copies of current by-laws along with copies of suggested changes and updates. He explained reasoning behind revisions, and he asked that all council members review both current bylaws and suggested revisions and be prepared to vote on the revisions at the March 10 meeting.

Election of New Council Members

Nominations for new PPC members have traditionally been taken in March with election by parish in April. Because of pandemic concerns and closings, no election was held in 2020 or 2021, and council members were not clear on who should have rotated off. Fr. Paul will look for this information provided earlier by James McGinnis. At the March 10 meeting, a date for nominations due and for the election of new members will be set. New members attend the September meeting as their first one on Council.

PPC Meeting Dates

PPC voted to meet bi-monthly (every 2 months) beginning in January. Meetings will be held January, March, May, July, September, and November, on the second Thursday of the month.

Fr. Michael closed the meeting with a prayer @ 8pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Elliott
(for Sarah Rodriguez)

Minutes Approved March 10, 2022