

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thursday October 5, 2023; 7:00pm

Attendance: Robin Sander (chair), Heather Hickey (recording secretary), Bev Canaday, Fr Matthew Ramsay, Don Griffith, Len Florizone, Dean Schmidt (vice chair), Stephen Arugay, Mary Jane Lozada, Bronwynn Cutts

Regrets: Andrew Hunt, Chad Sawatzky

Meeting called to order at 7:14pm

Introduction

1. Introduction of two new members, Stephen Arugay and Mary Jane Lozada
2. Opening prayer and discussion
 - Reflection from Sunday Gospel Mt 21:33-43 *"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone"*
3. Approval of Sept. minutes and matters arising from minutes.
 - *Bronwynn motions to approve minutes. Dean seconded.*
4. Agenda review
 - Bronwynn requested a Refugee Committee update.

Main goals

5. Tabernacle discussion and update
 - Timeline -- Dean Schmidt
 - Oct 28-29: Announcement weekend info: Snapshot, Bulletin, Homily
 - i. Dean will speak at 5:00pm
 - ii. Robin will speak at 7:00pm
 - iii. Bronwynn will speak at 9:00am *tentative*
 - iv. 11:00am TBD **ACTION ITEM**
 - Nov 1-20: Tabernacle feedback form that will go out to all parishioners as an online form
 - Nov 28: In-person discussion/forum
 - Dec 7: PPC discussion at our meeting
 - Dec 9-10: Announce decision.
 - Father Matthew will be giving a homily/bulletin insert about Discernment and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, logistics/rules about Tabernacle placement, etc. This homily may lead into a November homily series on these topics.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Sub-committee will meet before our next meeting.**
6. Piano update
 - Father Matthew presented it to the finance council and they approved:
 - New piano was \$49000-\$59000 (used \$40,000)
 - Donor \$15000, Sale of used ~\$8000. So approximately \$17000 to raise for it.
 - Choir may do some fundraising concerts to raise some of the funds.

- The finance council pre-approved \$40000 if a used piano comes available.
- Don Griffith may have a piano for sale. He will have Ken look at it to see if it is worth pursuing.
- Ken Neitz (Music Ministry) and Fr Matthew will meet to discuss used piano purchases. They will reach out to Bernadette Fanner (parishioner involved with choir and music) to be part of this committee.

Smaller Goals/Items (Operational Items)

7. Christmas mass times and where to donate Christmas loose collection

- Mass Times:
 - 4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday Dec 23 at 5pm; Sunday Dec 24 10am Mass
 - Christmas/Eve: Dec 24 at 5pm, 7pm, 11am; Dec 25: 10am
- Christmas Loose Collections
 - **ACTION ITEM: Heather will email a list of where we have given for Christmas and Easter for the last two years.**

8. PPC Pictures

- **ACTION ITEM: Heather will get them on the website and welcome area**

9. Feedback on hospitality weekend (nametags, prayer partners and food after Mass)

- Robin and Don thought it was positive experience.
- Make an announcement out the week before looking for help with Welcome Weekends.

10. Other Business

- Bronwynn requested increased lights in the area right outside the doors.
 - **ACTION ITEM: Father Matthew will look into it further**
- Refugee Committee Request
 - The legal sponsorship is complete (1-yr)
 - 2 more we are still waiting on (in both cases personal connections/family raised the money but needed the parish for institutional backing). Waiting for government to move forward.

Closing

11. Action items review and next meeting

- Next meeting Nov 2nd. Remember to send agenda items to Robin.
- **ACTION ITEM: Will need a volunteer to take minutes as Heather will be away. Email Heather if you are willing.**

12. Closing prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 8:42