
Welcoming all to encounter Jesus, grow as disciples, reach out in faith and service.

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thursday September 7, 2023; 7:00pm

Present: Robin Sander (chair), Heather Hickey (recording secretary), Andrew Hunt, Bev Canaday, Chad Sawatzky, Fr Matthew Ramsay, Don Griffith, Len Florizone, Dean Schmidt (vice chair)

Regrets: Stephen Arugay, Jayne Lozada, Bronwynn Cutts

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members

- Welcome Robin as new Chair + Dean as vice chair
- Welcome Bev Canaday + Andrew Hunt as new members
- Reintroducing previous members

2. Opening Prayer and Discussion – *Father Matthew*

- Reflection from Sunday Gospel Mt 18:15-20

3. Approval of June Minutes

- Action Item from June Minutes: Pictures and Bio to put on the website and Welcome Area to send to Heather by September 14, 2023.
- Motion to approve minutes by Dean.

4. Approval of September Agenda

- Amended Robin's title from Vice-Chair to Chair
- Motion to approve agenda by Dean.

5. Introduction to new ministry year - *Father Matthew*

- Ministry year Sept-June.
- Agenda will come out 1-week before meetings. Fr Matthew, Chair, Vice Chair will meet to make the agenda. Robin will send out a request for agenda items before agenda meeting.
- Make sure to respond to Robin to confirm attendance at the meeting.
- Plan to make agenda in two categories: 1) Ministry Priorities 2) Standard Day-to-day Concerns
- Meeting Attendance: book off all first Thursdays to make them a priority as much as possible.

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- Mass Attendance: Important to attend Mass at St Anne's as regularly as possible.
- Discussion about whether we include Mass Attendance Tracker in PPC agenda. Will keep it as an Appendix to the Agenda but not a discussion item. Mass numbers are not back to pre-COVID numbers yet, so it is a need to continue being aware.

6. Discernment Piece and Pursuing Gods Will Together - Tabernacle discussion – Dean

- Small Group of Dean, Len, and Bronwynn focused on this Pursuing God's Will Together for the process of making decisions. Tabernacle Discussion as the focus.
- Background: Based on a recent change to the Diocesan guidelines regarding Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion.
Previous: The liturgical coordinator brings the ciborium from the tabernacle and returns it there.
New: The celebrant (or another priest or deacon) brings the ciborium from the tabernacle and returns it there.
This guideline gives us a concrete opportunity to discern together as a group. Do we keep the Tabernacle where it is (side chapel) or do we move it to the Sanctuary? The discussion about how the parish wants to be consulted began at the AGM in May 2023. Based on the AGM, the parishioners want to be consulted if their opinion matters or is needed. Talked about various ways to present the information (Homily, Follow-up Homily, Snapshot, Bulletin, etc) and then give people who want a platform (forum) to offer feedback.
- **Some initial notes:**
Limits access to pray in front of tabernacle when main worship space is being used for things like choir practices, etc.
Access to pray in front of tabernacle remains available when main worship space is being used.
\$\$\$ Cost to move / No cost to remain / could use potential funds for another purpose
Smooth transition to get ciborium during masses
Provides a reason to make additional changes to sanctuary
We can still make changes to sanctuary
Provides a reason to make additional changes to sanctuary
Does this limit how the main worship space and be used?
- **Process:**
Introduce the topic over a weekend during homilies
Include in Snapshot before that weekend

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Include in Bulletin

Include on website and social media

At announcement at mass have PPC explain process for discernment and feedback option

Email, call in, paper forms, reach out to ministry leads and have them ask the people that are involved in their ministry. (example: have Ken reach out to the choirs, Grand Knight, CWL, Youth Ministry). Feedback is simply the answer the question, and how that will affect how the church is used.

Gather Information and Notice without Judgement

Discussion Forum

Reconvene and Listen Again

Select an Option Consistent with What God is Doing

Weighing the Option(s)

PPC meeting

- ***Potential fastest Timeline (Dates are just an example)**

SEP 7 PPC

SEP 8-14 PREP material for presenting to the parish

SEP 15 in Snapshot

SEP 16 and 17 in homilies and announcement

SEP 18- OCT 4 Feedback

SEP 25-29 one or 2 in person Discussion Forum(s)

OCT 5 PPC feedback assessment

Action Item: The Smaller Committee will look at the Fall parish events to create a timeline with Fr Matthew to bring to the next meeting.

7. Discussing monetary gift from parishioners

- \$15000 monetary gift given to the church to be used. The donors would like it to go to something outside of general operations.
- Fr Matthew's proposal would be to put this towards getting a new grand piano.
- Ken and Don have discussed getting a new piano for years. The parish has never bought a musical instrument (all been donated). The piano tuner person thinks we could get ~\$8000 for the old piano. Old piano is 30-yrs old.
- Quote for a new piano was \$49000-\$59000.
- Can sometimes get them used but we'd need to be willing to put the money towards it when it comes up for sale because they sell quickly. Get a technician to approve the quality.
- Would need to get approved by Finance Council.

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- Would do a general ask for donations as a starting point.
- Ken would potentially organize a choir-based fundraiser.

Action Item: Fr Matthew will bring the decision to the Finance Council.

8. Leadership structure of Parish - general thoughts introduction

- Different from PPC but meet with priest weekly to help with decisions.
- Something Fr Matthew would like to discuss and plan if this is an option.

9. Information Item: Staff update

- New Children's Ministry Coordinator is Alexia George. She is fitting in really well. Meeting new families.
- She is expecting a baby due in March.
- Will need to hire a temporary replacement while she is on leave.

10. Action items review and next meeting

- **Next meeting is October 5th**

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- **Closing prayer**

Meeting adjourned at 9:02pm