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Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thursday, Nov 7, 2024

Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr Greg Roth | <input type="checkbox"/> Stephen Arugay |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fr Prosper Abotsi | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bev Canaday |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heather Hickey (recording secretary) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bronwynn Cutts |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dean Schmidt (Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Andrew Hunt |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirk Haan (Vice Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Len Florizone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robin Sander (Past Chair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Don Griffith |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Jayne Lozada |

Meeting called to order by 7:06pm

Introduction:

1. Opening prayer and discussion

-Reflection from upcoming Sunday Gospel: Mk 12:38-44 "A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins..."

2. Approval of October minutes and matters arising from minutes. (recording)

-Update: Len Florizone was marked as absent but was present at the meeting.

Action Item: Heather will follow up with CWL about Ethical coffee. **Kirk will look into ethically sourced coffee at Costco.**

Action item: Fr Matthew will follow up on the two items from his last sanctuary planning meeting that he needed more time to do.

Fr. Greg will follow up with Fr. Matthew. **See Main Goal #4**

Action Item: Fr. Greg still needs to meet with the Sanctuary Planning Team. Fr. Greg is working on booking a date. **See Main Goal #4**

Action Item: Book Parish AGM early in Spring. **Carryover.**

Action Item: Heather will add pictures of PPC to the bulletin board near the minutes.

Action Item: Heather to add Kirk's picture and bio to the website. Done.

Action Item: We need to take a group PPC photo for the 2024/2025 directory – potentially at the November meeting. TBD

Action Item: Dean will draft a PPC Parish announcement for the November Welcome Weekend (Nov 23/24). **See Small Goal #5**

Motion to approve by Bev. Seconded by Andrew.

3. Agenda review

Update Kirk Haan as the vice chair on the attendance.

Main goal(s):

4. Sanctuary Discernment Discussion

- Update from Sanctuary Planning Group

Fr Greg had his first meeting with this team. They have moved forward with a third simplified image. However, the artist/designer had a personal matter, so they have delayed this step for the time being.

-They are making a few minor updates for now (for example, polishing the Tabernacle).

-Moving slowly but still moving forward with the process.

- Small Chapel Usage and Space Update Sat 2 and 3.

-Fr Greg changed the orientation of the chairs to make the space more intimate and cozy. Nicer for individual and small-group prayer.

-Fr Greg put a note about the change in the bulletin Nov 2/3 to let people know that the chapel isn't intended as overflow seating.

Two distinct spaces. The general rule is to keep the chapel doors closed and the curtains down.

Smaller goal(s):

5. PPC Mass Announcement for Nov 23/24

-Opportunity for the larger parish to get to know the PPC by introducing the team to the parish at each Mass. Dean has made a draft of the announcement to use at each Mass.

5pm: Dean:

9am: Bronwynn

11am: TBA

7pm: Kirk

-Andrew: Commented on the length of time the announcements were made at Mass. Fr. Greg is working to keep the announcements shorter.

Action Item: Dean will look into getting a 11am announcer and send the script.

6. Detroit Staff Trip Update

-Positive experience for the entire staff team. It was an Acts XXIX (Rescue Project) Leadership Immersive. (Further information:

<https://www.actsxxix.org/leadership-immersive>)

-The main principles are to 1) Reacquire a Biblical worldview (see and understand the world through the Lens of the Bible and our mission to know and love Jesus); 2) We are more than a staff—God calls us Christians as a family. This Christian family should also extend to the whole parish; 3) Restore initiative to God. So that meant that instead of coming up with our own ideas, they sent us to the chapel first before we met. We are expecting God to speak and learning to listen. Most of the week was a rhythm of chapel and then a meeting room to share what God is saying to us - and back and forth. To be led by the Lord in our conversations.

-One staff mission was **A desire to seek the “lost” – a Heart of Evangelization.**

- **Forming Parish Leadership Team (4-6 members)**

-One practical recommendation from the immersive was to form a smaller Leadership Team to meet and vision-cast for the parish.

“Who are we? What do we do? How do we do it?” etc. Fr Greg is looking to create a smaller, primarily staff Leadership Team to do the big picture vision. Parish Council is different. The Parish Council brings the parish's needs to the priest (various voices of the parish) – what does the parish need? Parish Leadership is kind of the opposite – what does God want for the parish? Parish Council is a “Bottom-up” ministry, whereas Leadership would be a “Top-down” ministry.

-A practical concern is whether the Leadership Team will take hours from staff's regular work, including managing day-to-day roles within the office.

-In the past, PPC performed some of both of these roles. Good to differentiate the roles.

7. Council Phone Numbers

-Practical issue not having phone numbers for each other when running late or things need to change on short notice.

-Dean passing out a sheet for cell numbers for PPC members to have for group.

Update(s):

8. Mass Attendance

See page 3 graphs.

Closing

9. Action items review

Action Item: Book Parish AGM early in Spring. Carryover.

Action Item: Kirk will look into ethically sourced coffee at Costco

Action Item: We need to take a group PPC photo for the 2024/2025 directory. PPC would like to use the headshots

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10. Closing Prayer

11. Next meeting Dec. 5: Christmas Potluck at Fr Greg's house. 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned at 8:36 pm

Mass Attendance

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
January	861	924		376	655	702
February	841	934		502	623	815
March	938	726		517	717	758
April	1061			663	788	820
May	925			533	736	757
June	895			542	656	716
July	762		372	461	514	611
August	762		441	462	576	651
September	857		461	483	684	756
October	966		421	591	695	712
November	934		469	596	726	
December	944		517	816	747	
Average	895	861	447	545	676	730

