

Pastoral Council Minutes

February 9, 2021

Absent Members: Terrance Dsilva, Jim Kucia, Rico Regnier

Welcome

The Parish Council meeting opened with a welcome from Nancy Murphy and opening prayer from Monsignor. Time was also spent discussing and reflecting on the question of the week: **Where do I most need the healing touch of Jesus?**

The council welcomed new members Carlos Balcazar and Sandra Long, and welcomed back Mimi Madrid.

Strategic Plan Review – Nancy Murphy

There is a strategic plan review taking place on Wednesday, Feb. 10. Bruce Schonk, long time parishioner, has offered to help go over the plan, with edits and suggestions.

Commission Reporting – Nancy Murphy

Ricardo Luzondo has been working with ministry leaders on a regular basis to make sure our list of ministries and leaders are up-to-date. Since COVID, there have been many ministries that have not been able to meet, or ministry leaders that have chosen to step down. The plan is to distribute commissions to the Council once the list is up to date. The idea is to make sure that our ministry leaders know the different ways to meet and that the Council is here to help them.

Assignment from John Doolen


John is compiling data to try and figure out where our Parish will be in a few months, when COVID numbers are decreased and the vaccine is becoming more available. His is planning to start a new calling campaign with a list of questions to ask. Nancy will assign each member 10 numbers to call, asking the questions that get agreed upon.

This assignment brought up the discussion of being respectful of parishioner's time and acknowledging the things that they have already done for the Church and to pay attention to the people that are already in the church and participating with us regularly. The suggestion was made to combine a few of the questions to make the questionnaire shorter and more friendly. The questions could be turned in to "how can we help you?" or "how have we helped you?" to see if their needs are being met. The idea is to let people know that we know they are here, we want them here, and want to be compassionate to those that are participating with us. The consistent feedback on this effort is that we need to focus on building community, not just counting bodies. A clear and specific goal needs to be determined for this call out.

Nancy has asked for a deeper investigation into the names of parishioners that the team should call.

Stephen and Lia offered to edit and work on this.

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The suggestion was made to have a feedback survey available in multiple languages, multiple forms, and multiple platforms. Monsignor suggested posting on the website, which is possible, but would have to be an embedded form on the website. Once the questionnaire is finalized, Lia will incorporate that into a form on sta.org.

Pastor's Update – Monsignor Dan Stack

Monsignor mentions that he is proud of the way his staff has adapted to everything during COVID. He then mentions that Ricardo is working on a confirmation program and that we are trying to do anything we can to get youth more involved.

Discipleship and Stewardship Update – Ricardo Luzondo

Faith Formation Update: Ricardo and his team is preparing for first communion and reconciliation. He is continuing with the program that was designed last year, but making modifications as he seems fit and taking suggestions from parents. He is continuing the Life Teen program as he has been doing: part in-person, part virtual.

Confirmation: The Confirmation date for this year is November 6 with Bishop Ned. Ricardo is in the process of designing a program with a monthly zoom meeting with special guests. If the summer permits, there will be a confirmation “boot camp” for those receiving confirmation this year.

RCIA : There has been a RCIA office created upstairs of the Community Life building with the hopes of eventually creating a formation center.

Finance Council Update: Patti Dismukes

Patti says that we are doing well. The Finance Council lowered the budget to fit the Parish's specific needs. There were many big donations toward the end of the year, which is what Patti anticipated would happen. She thinks that we will end the fiscal year close to how it was projected at the beginning of the year. The Finance Council is watching the Church spending and expenses, and is thankful to the people that have been so generous. The church has also applied for the second round of the PPP.

Action Items: All

- Work on questionnaire suggestions: All, Lia, Stephen, Nancy
- Embed questionnaire into the website: Lia (once questionnaire is finalized)



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