# Pastoral Council Minutes February 8, 2022

#### **Absent Members:**

After Mimi led participants in an opening prayer the members discussed the question of the week:

In what areas of your life are you called to trust God more and dive deeper? Most PC agreed that this is daily, and in all areas of life.

# Action Items/Follow-up from December Meeting: Update on Census of Ministries: Lia and Stephen

Lia, Stephen, and Martha have been working to update the website and our contact infromation for the active ministries at STA.

After two reminders, Lia recieved 48 responses out of 55. With those responses, ministry leaders have been identified, with updated contact information and ministry discriptuins. They next step is to host a MANTADORY ministry leader meeting, in which Lia will set up each ministry leader with their own Facebook group. This will help STA contact ministries quickly, and ministry leaders conact their members all in one place.

**Note March 4, 2022:** The mandatory meeting had been put on hold until after Easter. Our main focus right now is the Synod.

## Synod: Stephen

Stephen was asked to research the Global Synod and figure out how STA can participate. The Synod invites Parishioners to provide feedback on how we can go further in out church with the guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Unfortuantely, a lot of other parishes are much further along in the process than St. Thomas Aquinas. The hope is to get this moving quickly, to provide as much feedback as we can to the Pope.

The next step is to create a team and organize this process, starting with bringin listening sessions to the Parish.

Stephen is going to attend a listening session in order to trian and guide others through the process. The hope is to get ministry leaders and staff to help.

## **New PC Members Interviews: Mimi**

Interviews will take place on Saturday, February 12. There are four applications – one returning member and three new members interested. There is still one other person missing in order for us to have a "full" council (15 people including Monisngor). Mimi has asked those who's term finished in 2022 to stay on through the end of the year.

New members will attend our March meeting.

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# AAA: Lia, Monsignor, Stephen

Communications will be on all platforms including website, after Mass announcements, bulletin, and newsletter.

A guide was created for preists on announcement weekend, including a sample homily, the step-by-step in-pew process of making a pledge, and the speech that Stephen will read aloud at each Mass that weekend.

## Finance Update: John

John provided a slide show with the following information:

- We have received \$26k to date. Another \$28k will be coming through end of February.
- New 2022 goal is \$185,800. Announcement weekend 2/12 Commitment weekend 2/19. Thanks to Stephen Sheahan for helping us during Commitment weekend.
- Overall, revenue is above plan for December due to several large donations (over \$75k)
  as well as almost \$40k of additional regular offertory Christmas weekend. This pushed
  our YTD revenue over budget by \$90k through the first six months.
- January revenue should be on plan due numerous large gifts that arrived during week of January 9<sup>th</sup> (\$53k). Missed 1/16 plan by \$20k. January budget is a 5-week month as well as has a \$2k per week higher budget. January offerings since mid-January have been significantly below plan.
- Expense is under plan due mainly to the FF staffing positions open (Youth Minister), and two other position FF positions that were budgeted but now deferred. Facilities is over plan due to a two heating issues in CLB (first and second floor units had minor issues) and missed bill for the water break from summer. Also, we put down new pine straw for Christmas season.
- Through six months, STA is over revenue budget by \$90k and under expense by \$152k which provides a positive net revenue gain over budget of \$242k.

## Pastor's Update: Monsignor Dan Stack

Monsignor is very proud of his staff and how we have been coping through the Pandemic. He loves hearing everyone speak and present new ideas to help our Parish grow.

## **Commission Reporting: All**

- Small Faith Communities 18 people signed up for Small Faith Communities. 2 groups will be formed out of this.
- Music Ministry Eric is working on a new summer program with more details to come.
- Faith Formation Continuing to move forward with Family Forming Disciples and all programs
  - Working to improve communicating with both child and parents
  - Working on preparing for next year how can we do better?
- Extraordinary Ministers More people are asking to come back and serve

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• Alpha – 16 people signed up for Wild Goose

## **New Business: All**

Newcomer Luncheon will take place on 3/20 after the 11 AM Mass. Mimi expects Pastoral Council members to be in attendance.

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration: Carlos

The committee is meeting to layout everything and plan. During these meetings, there have been discussions of a theme, types of entertainment, resources, etc.

The biggest challenge so far is trying to figure out how to make a great celebration without taking a big financial hit. Therefore, the committee is working on ways to fundraise for this.

#### **Action Items:**

- All: Research Synod
- All: Continue to communicate with commissions