# Pastoral Council Minutes January 11, 2021

### Absent Members: Ed Gallagher, Sandra Long, Alex Miniel, Aileen Nicholas, Rico Regnier

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

Reflect on your baptism or on the baptism of your children. Share the experience with someone who was present. Gather articles from that baptism: candle, baptismal certificate, garment. Imagine how God rejoiced over you that day!

Most PC members discussed their children's baptisms and what they remember from those days. There was also a discussion of Easter Vigil and the baptisms that day. It's special to be with those people and brings us back to Confirmation and other spiritual journey events.

# 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. The form that was sent to each ministry leader we have on file also asked questions about how we can help them and what they have struggled with during COVID.

Martha and Lia also suggested creating Facebook groups for each ministry leaders in English and Spanish under the STA Facebook as a way of communication for the ministies.

Lia sent two reminders in early January which helped with responses.

### New PC Member applications/Interviews: Mimi Madrid

Mimi has received 3 applications through recomendations from other council members. There are four openings, so she is still in search of one more person. Monsignor agreed to send an email telling larger groups to recommend someone.

Interviews will begin this month.

## Finance Update: John

John was out of the office at the time of this meeting, however he forwarded Mimi an update. There were large donations during Christmas, so it helped increase our offertory and put us back at regular numbers.

## Pastor's Update: Monsignor Dan Stack

Finance committee was worried all through the fall because we weren't meeting budget as we were hoping. However, that changed the last two months by almost \$100,000. He thinks that speaks well about the people of the Parish and says that we are doing what people want.

Monsignor is very proud of his staff and how we have been coping through the Pandemic.

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# **Commission Reporting: All**

- Small Faith Communities There will be witness talks on 1/15-1/16
  - 1/23 luncheon for those interested in Small Faith Communities, People will be called individually and invited to the lunch as well as Alpha and RCIA participants
  - Asking SMC members to talk to their friends
- Music Ministry Eric was quarantining for a while, so there was impact on that. There have been a few covid cases in the choir and cantors.
- Liturgy Kathy Kuczka is going to be on leave of absence until May in Italy teaching English. She will still maintain a lot of her responsibilities remotely and has assigned people to take care of the things that need to be done in-person.
- Communications
  - Vendor said that we cannot do a few things
    - Lia and Terrance are going to meet with vendor about how we can make our website better
  - VANCO GivingApp Other Parishes are using
    - Waiting to hear back from John
- ALPHA going into Wild Goose for the first part of the year and put a pause on Alpha
  - Hoping to do in-person Alpha in the fall
  - Hoping to run wild goose and then incorporate that into SMC
  - Hoping to continue to grow this way

#### Action Items:

- Monsignor Dan Stack: E-mail larger groups about joining Pastoral Council
- Lia and Terrance: Meet with vendor about website
- Stephen: Research Synod and report back to council
- Stephen and Lia: Get together about AAA