

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 10, 2020**

**Absent Members:** Rebecca Juneau, Diane Kucia, Jorge Lopez, Alex Miniell, Nancy Murphy, Kelly Payne, Rico Regnier

**Question of the Week: *"Listen to him." How is God speaking to me this Lent?***

We discussed focusing on things that go beyond prayer and fasting. We want to focus on all things that are appropriate for the season. That includes thinking of new and exciting ways to get everyone in the Parish and the surrounding community involved, in Church and activities. We also discussed the feeling of gratitude and how sometimes we just need to slow down and take things in. Patti mentioned a program that she is involved in, in which 21 women will be able to go to Emory for a 12-week course where at the end, they are trained for something they can make a career out of.

**Pastors Update:**

Monsignor Dan Stack said that generally things are going well in his area and with Lent. He is excited about the quality of staff that STA currently has and looking forward to what is to come. He expressed concern about upcoming mission trips being cancelled due to the coronavirus but mentioned that we will just have to wait and see how everything pans out and calms down.

**Discipleship & Stewardship - Ricardo Luzondo**

Over the last month, Ricardo Luzondo has been meeting with different ministry leaders, all of which have expressed the need for support in promoting and communicating with the Parish. He plans to help them all find ways to promote more effectively. Ricardo's plan is to form a stewardship culture to bring to the parish, that it is not only money, but a lifestyle. He plans to make a call for a stewardship team, filled with parishioners that have never been part of a ministry or group. He plans to attend the stewardship region committee in South Carolina on March 14.

**Faith Formation – Ricardo Luzondo**

Cardboard Campout was a success with 22 middle schoolers present. During the same weekend was the Archdiocese Middle School Fest and a lock in at Northpoint. This caused attendance to be down. Ricardo emphasized that not only do we need to advertise our events, but we need to communicate about the events the Archdiocese is hosting. This is a way for parishioners to see how the money from the annual appeal is being used. 41 teens were expected to attend the Archdiocese High School Youth Rally; however, it was cancelled on March 10. Of all the attendees, there were no Anglo teens going.

**Finance Update - Patti Dismukes**

Patti Dismukes shared that the Parish finances are in good shape, according to our mid-year report. This report was printed in the bulletin the weekend of March 7 and March 8. The Finance committee approved the renovations for the youth room, which will begin on May 5 and will be done for the open house on May 15. In addition to those renovations, the repair for the gathering area will begin May 11

and will take about 2 days to complete. At the same time, the renovation process for the parish hall will begin which includes the following:

- Take out carpet on walls and floor
- New paint
- New flooring (it will be the same as the gathering area flooring)

All renovations in both the gathering area and the Parish Hall should be done by the time Vacation Bible School begins (June 1). The renovations are funded by insurance money from the most recent plumbing issues and \$20,000 we received back from the Annual Appeal.

#### Commissions update – All Members

Commission	Council Members	Update
<b>Liturgy &amp; Worship</b>	Stephen Sheahan, Donna Columbus	The most significant need is for volunteers and to get enough of them engaged and trained.
<b>Education</b>	Rebecca Juneau, Aileen Nicolas, Mimi Madrid	ALPHA has been a source for getting people engaged through personal conversation. A few suggestions were made to help with reaching out to catechists.
<b>Community Outreach</b>	Sarah Kovacs	Sarah needs extra help – Steve and Mimi volunteered. Sarah intends to go back and look at connections she has already made and reconnect with them. Padre suggested someone from the Parish Council at every city council meeting and events within Roswell and Alpharetta to make our presence known within the community.
<b>Pastoral Care</b>	Rico Regnier, Jorge Lopez	
<b>Family Life</b>	Rico Regnier	
<b>Discipleship</b>	Alex Miniell, Terrance D'Silva	Terrance suggests a kiosk in the Narthex as a way for visitors and new members to insert their information, or as a way for parishioners to give online.
<b>Small Faith Communities</b>	Diane Kucia and Jim Kucia	Jim went to the Small Faith Leaders group meeting. He suggests that Small Faith groups could be a good source for volunteers, as they are looking for ways to volunteer as a group. We need to look at how we are connecting the dot through everything we offer. Jim and Mimi discussed figuring out a way to link ALPHA to Small Faith Groups when the ALPHA series is over.
<b>Administration</b>	Ed Gallagher, Terrance D'Silva, Alex Miniell	Ed reached out to a few ministries, but received very little feedback. He suggests that we communicate what is going on in the Finance and Parish councils.

**Welcome Dinner – Donna Columbus**

The next Welcome Dinner is May 1. Out of 85 invitations sent out to the last welcome dinner, only 12 came. Because of this, Donna is going to personally invite those that did not come to the previous welcome dinner. This is the first place that new parishioners can find out how and where to get involved.

#### **Data Update – Chart provided by Maria Yactayo**

The decision was made to change the welcome cards to minimal information (name, e-mail, phone number). Also, for announcements at the end of the mass, we want to change the wording. “If you have any questions about our ministries, masses, etc., please feel free to ask any of our Parishoners or Clergy, or stop by our Welcome/Information table in the narthex.”

#### **Easter Planning - Mimi Madrid**

Mimi reviewed the data from the last few Easters, including how many people helped with welcoming and where they were stationed. She mentioned that a lot of youth signed up in the past to help but ended up not coming. Mimi asked the Pastoral Council to help with the welcoming during all Masses on Easter Sunday. She needs 11-12 people per Mass. It was suggested to ask ministry leaders to ask for volunteers.

#### **Action Items:**

- **All Members** - Think of ways to get Anglo families to go to events and e-mail ideas to Ricardo
- **Mimi Madrid** - Find out about more Northpoint lock-in
- **Ricardo Luzondo** - Talk to Youth minister at Northpoint to find out what they are doing
- **Ricardo Luzondo** - Find out if we can get Middle School catholic groups like High School
- **Donna Columbus** - Call the people that did not come to the last welcome dinner and personally invite them to May 1
- **Lia Armistead** - Create new cards with name, phone number, e-mail address
- **All Members** - Rename the welcome desk to Information Desk – Lia in announcements
- **All Members** - Look at kiosk e-mail and come up with ideas
- **Lia Armistead** - Summary of Pastoral and Finance council in the bulletin once a month
- **Jim Kucia and Mimi Madrid** - Talk to Eric Hill at Good Shephard about alpha and small faith communities
- **All Members** - Ask people in commissions to sign up for greeting on Easter