

Absent members: Jorge Jopez

The Parish Council meeting opened with a welcome from Mimi Madrid and opening prayer from Monsignor. Time was also spent discussing and reflecting on the question of the week: **“In today’s gospel Jesus says to his disciples: As the father has sent me, so I send you”. Where am I being sent to share Jesus’ peace?”** There was a brief discussion about this question. WE are being sent to share Jesus’ peace by encouraging others to continue their faith and know that it is not always perfect. We encourage others to try and be present in the opportunity to make Christ present.

Newcomer’s Welcome Lunch on March 21 – Stephen Sheahan

Stephen gave the council an update about the first in-person newcomer lunch in over a year. There were six new families that were able to attend the lunch. There is a need for someone to take over the lead of the newcomer committee. When more restrictions are lifted, we should be able to get back to having one newcomer lunch per quarter, after getting caught up with all the new families from over the past year. Stephen suggested having two people from the council at each lunch.

Commission Reporting – Everyone


- Communications – Lia and Terrance have been working on a way for parishioners to get in touch with ministry leaders through our website. Lia created a short form for each ministry page that will be sent to ministries@sta.org, controlled by Lia for now, which will then be sent to the appropriate ministry leader. The point of this is to make sure e-mail addresses remain off our public website.
- Small Faith Communities – People have been using the new online registration to join Small Faith Groups. There were about 10 people that signed up during mass at the beginning of March. Jim and Mimi will discuss combining Alpha and Small Faith Communities soon.
- Parish Life Commission – Rico has not had a chance to be in contact with different teams. People are speaking of coming back together as more restrictions are being lifted.
- Health Ministry – Terrance will follow up with Dolores Fato about availability of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Liturgy Commission – There is an ongoing need for more volunteers. One of the things they are trying to do the newcomer lunch is to see how people want to get involved.

Pastor’s Update – Monsignor Dan Stack

Padre starts by thanking everyone for their time and dedication. He then speaks about how STA benefited from COVID and how we grew our online presence, which was a goal of ours for a while. He suggests that as we recover from COVID, we should immediately think about a space big enough so every family can be under one roof.

Discipleship and Stewardship Update – Monsignor Dan Stack

Maria Yactayo is now part Faith Formation / part discipleship. Her title is now Director of Parish Engagement. Maria is going to work on the new faith formation model that the archdiocese supports.



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This program is online that's much like our GIFT program, that was created by teachers. There will be an assigned catechist from the archdiocese that will work with the families and our Faith Formation Department.

Finance Council Update: Mimi Madrid and John Doolen

Mimi met with John Doolen before our meeting to discuss a financial update. John says that we are doing great. March tracking will be above budget. This month we will receive Endowment money from last years' AAA, \$35-40k.

Possible Strategic Opportunities

- Improve engagement with estate planning
- Mentoring ministries
- Active Living Growth/Ministry
 - Avalon/Milton/Crabapple
- Tactical registration – 28 NR long time contributors
- Play to strengths
 - Right Size/Traditional
- Mitigate Risk/Must embrace demographics

Action Items: All

- Lia: Finish editing Ministry form and send to council for review
- Lia: Ask Kathy Kuczka about the lead of the newcomer lunch and if we should advertise in the bulletin
- Terrance: Follow up with Dolores Fato about COVID vaccines
- Mimi: Ask Maria to come to the meeting next month