

January 18 Meeting Minutes

Opening Reflections

- Council members shared their reflections on The Interior Castle, which was discussed at the retreat.
- Council members discussed what special gifts / strengths they bring to this Parish Pastoral Council.

Approval of the Minutes

- Minutes from the October 19 and November 16 meetings were approved.

Action Items to Review

- It was decided that we will table the discussion around how to support new staff, which was brought forth by Jim Rice at the retreat. We will discuss this item at the next meeting.

Old / Ongoing Business

- Set team and synod update:
 - Sarah provided an update on the Set team and synod update. At this weekend's Mass, a critical first step will be to have parishioners sign up for Lenten small groups.
- Hiring / Organization Updates:
 - Vivian provided an update on the interviewing process for the Parish Ministry Director and Communications Coordinator roles. Both will potentially be filled by mid-February. Jim Rice will cover the Business Administrator role responsibilities for the next year or so before we possibly hire a part-time person.
- Record keeping folder for notes/documents shared at meetings:
 - There was a discussion about where the best place(s) to post minutes and other updates for parishioners. We approved using the website and a special binder, starting in March 2024.

New Business

- We discussed updating the PPC Bylaws to increase the size of the council from seven to nine. We will vote on this in March, after Sarah has a chance to discuss how this process would look with Jim Rice and Rebecca Brubaker.
- Sarah will work to come up with a date for a joint meeting with the Parish Finance Council.
- We are targeting a joint planning meeting with the Parish Finance Council and staff sometime this summer.
- Communications: We will update the website with PPC information (names and photos, meeting minutes). Sarah Dickhausen will communicate needed changes (new members, etc.) to Sarah Subler. Greg Mann will review other parish websites as part of a benchmarking exercise to see what other parishes include about their Parish Councils.
- We discussed how to build an inventory of community needs. Suzanne to take lead on this.
- Reflection: How do we walk with people in our community to meet their needs? How do we become better storytellers to discuss how we are doing this?

Ministry Updates

- Suzanne provided updates on the March for Life, Mary Mother Baby Shower for local pregnancy centers, the Knights of Columbus baby bottle campaign, Stephen Ministry training, and Mary's Meals.
- Sarah provided an update on Faith Formation.
- Brett provided an RCIA update.