

Mary Mother Parish Council Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2023 at 6:30pm
Assembly Room

People present at the meeting: Greg Mann, Brett Forsman, Father Jim Perkl, Vivian Rogers, Sarah Dickhausen

Approval of June Meeting Minutes - Approval of the June Meeting Minutes was tabled until our next meeting when we will have a quorum of PPC members present for voting

Action to Review

PPC Membership Update - Father Jim has been working to appoint our last two remaining PPC members. He has been speaking with Janet and Cindy to see if they have some names of people who they think might be interested and would be a good voice and representative of our Pastoral care and faith formation groups. Rebecca Brubaker has some names to share with Father of potential representatives. If you have people you think would be a good addition to the council, please let Father Jim know. We would like to have our new members in place along with approval of our PPC Officer team (Sarah Dickhausen - Chair, Rebecca Brubaker - Vice Chair, Greg Robinson - Secretary) by our September meeting.

Old/Ongoing Business

Set team/Synod Update

Deacon Joe Michalak will be presenting to our parish on the work of the synod and SET team process. All PPC members are encouraged to attend. The synod survey results were around 110 at last report. A discussion was held around the upcoming guides that will be shared during the small group leader trainings for the first 72.

Pew Refinishing Project

Nancy was unable to attend the meeting and will provide an update at our next meeting.

Board Retreat/Development Day

The PPC members present agreed that once our council is at full strength, holding a board retreat and development day would be a great way to regroup after covid and revisit our role as a PPC as outlined by the archdiocese.

New Business

- Fall Parish Plans/Events - With the growth of Unity school Father Jim has asked for input and feedback on maximizing and creatively using building space. This will be on one of our upcoming meeting agendas.
- The Synod Process will be the main event of our parish this Fall with small group leaders sign-up and training coming over the next few months. Our mission is to Live Jesus...in small groups: Foster personal relationships, build community and form disciples. Please continue to pray for this process so that it remains a spirit led process.

Ministry Update

Faith Formation Registration Update - Registrations are up over 20% from the prior year and we are seeing growth in both elementary and youth programs. Both Cindy and Amy have been busy preparing and getting organized for the year ahead.

RCIA - Holly Moe and Brendan Simonson and Brett Forsman attending the “OCIA” conference in Chicago. The main takeaways was that the Bartoe have been doing an great job leading this team so only minor adjustments will be made to the program. The biggest change will be around “the time of inquiry” and “working to connect people to what they are interested in and accompany them throughout that process. This will align well with the work of small groups.

Prayer Intention

Pray for our Set team and the Synod Small groups process.

Next Meeting - Thursday, September 21 at 6:30pm