

# Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of Pompeii Parish

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2022 6:30pm

St. John Paul II Rectory Room

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Father Joseph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gina Davis	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathy Garoutte	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JoEllyn Storz
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Daniel Istvanek	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tom Herricks	<input type="checkbox"/> Rob Hayden	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Burnett-Shoemaker
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Note: Checked denotes present at the meeting

- 1) Father Joseph led the opening prayer
- 2) Administrator's report:
  - a. Ash Wednesday is March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Pastoral Council meeting will be moved to March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
  - b. The parish has received a donation for a year's access to Formed from the Augustine Institute. Sheets that outline how to access and login to the parish account will be provided at Masses on the weekend of February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The Pastoral Council discussed inclusion of instructions on how to access and a link to Formed on the Parish website.
  - c. The Parish is still looking for additional married couples to help facilitate FOCCUS sessions to prepare engaged couples for marriage. The council discussed having testimonials at upcoming Masses to explain FOCCUS and seek additional couples to help support the program. Currently, the parish only has one married couple supporting the program.
  - d. Currently interviewing candidates for the parish business manager position.
- 3) Committee reports
  - a. **Finance Committee** – Tom Herricks/JoEllyn Storz
    - i. Updates were provided from the November 17, 2021 and January 19, 2022 Finance Committee meetings as the Pastoral Council had not met since November 3, 2021.  
**November 17, 2021 key notes:**
      - No 2021 Autumn Fest has caused a dip in fund raising & activity events in the parish budget
      - Overall contributions are running behind budget, but this is offset due to the net profit from the parish festival.
      - Archdiocesan capital campaign will begin in March 2022. More information will be communicated as the date gets closer.
      - Building and Grounds is working on cost estimates to replace 2 of the boilers in the school and is looking to caulk some of the church and west-side school windows.
      - Sealing of the cross area on the east end of the church was completed 11/17/21. May consider replacing the frame on the east-end window with an aluminum frame in the future.
      - Metro Sound & Video has been contacted to explore upgrades to the church speakers, audio console, and choir microphones. Cost estimates weren't available at the November meeting.**January 19, 2022 key notes:**
      - Halfway through fiscal year 2021-22, we are 7% ahead budget on income.
      - Father is working on a letter with pledge cards to request annual stewardship commitments from parishioners. Targeting distribution to parishioners in the first quarter of 2022.
      - The finance council is looking at demographic trends for yearly contributions. As part of these discussions, it was noticed that yearly contributions have dipped from a high of

\$475,856.08 for fiscal year 2016-17 to only \$400,516 for fiscal year 2019-20. The drop in contributions does not allow for any funds to be set aside in the property or tech reserves.

- The Finance Council Appendix that had been submitted to the Archdiocese was approved.
- Still looking to get a Scrip program going within the parish.
- Tuition assistance and 8<sup>th</sup> grad scholarships will open for submission at the beginning of Catholic School's week and will close 03/31/2022. Submissions for high school senior scholarships will open 03/01/2022 and will close 04/30/2022.

**b. Liturgical Planning** – Emily Selovich

- i. Stations of the Cross will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm during Lent
- ii. “Divine Mercy in The Second Greatest Story Ever Told” viewing and discussion groups will be held on Thursdays during Lent with 10am or 7pm group sessions from March 10<sup>th</sup>-April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- iii. Considering discussion groups for “Presence” from the Augustine Institute in the future.

**c. Stewardship Committee** – Laura Burnett-Shoemaker/Gina Davis/Rob Hayden

- i. Considering having T-shirts for sale at the Ash Wednesday and Good Friday Fish Fries
- ii. Looking to plan additional events to get people together and connected yet this winter
- iii. Pursuing development of a post card to communicate the events that the committee sponsors or supports for distribution at upcoming parish events
- iv. Discussing approaches to ensure that parishioners are receiving offertory contribution envelopes and are aware of opportunities to contribute time and talent to the parish beyond financial contributions, which is particularly important for engaging younger parish members
- v. The committee would like to establish stewardship goals for the year and is looking for guidance from the Pastoral Council

**d. Human Concerns** - Kathy Garoutte

- i. Distribution of meals at the Shalom Center is on hold due to the Covid pandemic
- ii. The winter coat drive/collection closed at the end of January.

4) Discussion of Chapter 5 of “Evangelizing Parish” by Francis Cardinal Arinze

- a.** Chapter 5 is entitled “The Evangelizing Parish Prays” and is devoted to a discussion of the importance of fostering a focus on prayer and the sacraments within the parish. Above all else is an emphasis on the Eucharist as the “central focus of the liturgical life of the parish”.
- b.** Much of the discussion focused on opportunities to build upon weekly adoration to further integrate the Eucharist into our parish life. A key point in the chapter is ensuring that the tabernacle is in a “prominent and conspicuous place conducive to prayer”. The council discussed how this may look within our church along with other opportunities to adopt aspects of the Latin Rite into our liturgical life. Lastly, opportunities to promote prayer within the parish via Formed, links to videos on the parish website, etc. was discussed.
- c.** Chapter 6 will be discussed at the March 9<sup>th</sup> Pastoral Council meeting.

5) New business

- a.** The 2022-23 fiscal year budget planning process will be kicking off. Committees were requested to forward potential budgetary requests to the Finance Council.
- b.** Tom Borchardt, Kathy Garoutte, and Rob Hayden will bring proposed dates and timing for the 2022 Pastoral Council elections for discussion and finalization at the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The next meeting is March 9, 2022 at 6:30pm in the St John Paul II Rectory Room.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Thomas Borchardt.*