

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2022

Attending: Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Tom Bahr, Chris Colohan, Meera Del Favero, Erin Drumm, Beverly Freed, Lois Ann Guschke, Tim Malone, Angel Martinez, Mally Mason, Arlene Masters, Joyce Navary, Chit Peters, Melisa Phillingane, John Thompson, Rachel Watson

Absent: Carl Grunow, Cathy Jones, and George Minson

This meeting was the first meeting of the newly formed Parish Pastoral Council for the new fiscal year 2022-2023. It was structured to be an introductory “kick-off” meeting. The meeting began with opening prayer, Lauds (morning prayer) with everyone participating. After prayer each person briefly introduced themselves. Once introductions were made Fr. Ernest spoke about how PPC were formed and that they are here as an advisory council for the pastor. He encouraged each member to actively study, investigate and prioritize what the council wishes to do since they are eyes and ears of our community. He suggested that PPC come up with a list of what they and our community want to see accomplished at the parish within the next 1, 2 and 5 years. Each member was also given a copy of *Called to Serve, Diocesan Guidelines for Parish Pastoral Councils* published by our diocese and was encouraged to review the booklet and familiarize themselves with the content. Since these are the guidelines we will follow.

PPC took a brief break then reconvened and Katie reviewed some highlights from the Synod results and asked the question, “What items are important for PPC to act on?” We then broke out into groups and conducted another synod-style discussion to come up with what was important. PPC decided the immediate ideas to begin working on are:

1. Put up a photo wall of each PPC member in the commons
2. Putting together a church directory
3. Place a suggestion box in the commons

PPC then discussed how it would be set up for old members to roll off. Currently, Tim will stay on as chairperson for the next year and then roll off for a new chairperson. The other older members will pull tokens or slips of paper at the next meeting to decide who rolls off when. Each new PPC member will have a specific term so the roll of times are staggered and the council can benefit from old and new members on PPC.

Tim then asked PPC what two items they would like to begin working on and discussing for the next meeting. The items agreed upon were:

1. Crucifix for the sanctuary
2. Forming subcommittees for projects.

Katie reviewed process for calendar and announcements.

Tim and Fr. Ernest reviewed the scheduling of the PPC meetings. The meetings are usually on the 3rd Thursday of the month from 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the Hall and are open to the parish community. The next PPC meeting was scheduled for 10/20/22.

PPC then closed in prayer.