

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022
7pm

Attending: Fr. Ernest, Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar, Alex Clark, Erin Drumm, Beverly Freed, Lois Ann Guschke, Cathy Jones, Tim Malone, Arlene Masters, George Minson, Melisa Phillingane, John Thompson.

Absent: Tom Bahr, Chris Colohan, Meera Del Favero, Carl Grunow, Angel Martinez, Mally Mason, Joyce Navary, Chit Peters, Rachel Watson

Tim Malone led us in prayer and reviewed agenda.

Prior meeting minutes from September 2022, were reviewed and approved as written.

Tim Malone opened the conversation to PPC about placing a crucifix in the sanctuary. Beverly offered to provide the information from previous discussions. Melissa then explained to PPC why there is not a crucifix currently in the sanctuary. That when the current sanctuary was built the crucifix was excluded since it was viewed that the people represented Christ. Melissa then suggested that if we put a crucifix in the sanctuary that it be one that rests on a stand and is movable since any construction to the ceiling for placement or walls will have to be reviewed and approved by BARC, the Building and Renovation Committee at the Diocese. Katie then advised PPC that she has been approached by a parishioner that wants to donate money towards the expense of placing a crucifix in the sanctuary and would like to also be on the committee to assist in deciding which crucifix. Melisa Phillingane suggested we do something big. Tim suggested we form a sub-committee to begin pursuit of place a crucifix in the sanctuary. Erin, Melisa Phillingane, George, Tim and Cathy all agreed to be on the subcommittee.

Katie updated PPC on the upcoming Homecoming weekend. She advised there would be a dance party on Friday, Yard Sale and Trunk or Treat on Saturday, and Sunday would be a church picnic. Katie encouraged all PPC to attend as many events as possible.

Tim reminded all PPC to please wear their PPC member badges when they attend Mass.

Katie let PPC know the Knight's of Columbus (KOC) approached her, Father, and Melissa about doing fish fry's during Lent next year. However, before moving forward it still needs to be discussed with staff and some details worked out so Melissa Pakurar can review the Risk Management policies. Melisa Phillingane asked if the fish fry would be sit down, take out or both? Melissa Pakurar said the details still needed to be worked out but that we would be happy to ask and make that suggestion. Beverly voiced how important it is to bring life back to our community. Alex suggested asking Elise if the youth would be interested in assisting the Knight's with the fish fry's. Katie said all this would be coordinated with all the staff and different ministries.

Tim advised the 100 year anniversary for our church is coming up in 2025. All PPC agreed that we need to form a subcommittee to beginning planning the events. Alex suggested the planning sub committee be formed no later than January or February 2023 and volunteered to assist with gathering the historical photos and information of our church. Melisa Phillingane offered to share the photos that she has of the events that have taken place in the church. Melissa Pakurar suggested that all photos be either dropped in the office for scanning or could be emailed to Katie or herself and they would work together creating one place of reference for these photos. Katie pointed out that July 26, 2025, is on a Saturday and that should make the events a bit easier for all involved. All PPC agreed to start working on subcommittees and planning in the 1st quarter of 2023.

Time opened the discussion about pulling tokens for member terms and splitting the older council during 4th quarter and having a 1st quarter roll off of older PPC members. Beverly suggested we keep all new PPC members for 2 years and roll 5 old members off. This would ensure continuity with a core group. Tim explained he thought the PPC would then be to large. Melissa spoke up and stated that there was a time that we had a large PPC and from those meeting minutes it appeared to have worked very well. The larger PPC formed subcommittees on different projects and/or concerns then would report back to the larger PPC. Cathy Jones suggested the current PPC stay on for a minimum of 18 months for this group and Melisa Phillingane agreed that this council really needs some time to work together and rebuild the continuity. Tim asked Father if he agreed and Father said, “Yes, we should stay together and form a cohesive bond.” Lois Ann Guschke agreed as well. Arlene asked if any previous PPC members found the same people were always absent? Beverly Freed suggested if there were consistent PPC members absent from meeting then Father and Tim would have a conversation with the person. Father agreed to work with everyone and all PPC agreed to postpone pulling tokens and would readdress Spring of 2023.

Tim asked if anyone would like to add to the next meeting’s agenda. The following items were added:

1. Baptismal Font
2. Livestream – to continue or not?
3. Memory Garden
4. Church Directory

Father closed with prayer.

Next PPC Meeting is November 17, 2022