

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022

7pm

Attending: Fr. Ernest, Tim Malone, Rachel Watson, George Minson, Angel Martinez, , Mally Mason (via Phone), Katie Johnson, Melissa Pakurar

Absent: Rachel Watson

Reviewed February 2022 meeting minutes, approved with changes. Move Mally from attending to absent and add additional details about baptismal font repair. George motioned for approval with changes and Angel seconded.

Tim opened with prayer then let PPC know they would not be meeting in April and asked if PPC could discuss the Synod now instead of waiting until May. Tim asked what were some of the constant things that are coming up in the Synod meetings? Then asked what PPC thinks the priorities should be. Tim asked Katie to please share what she is hearing at the meetings.

Katie handed PPC a sheet with some of the ideas that are coming from the meetings, and suggested PPC review and go around the table one by one and speak briefly on what statement stood out the most to them and why. PPC took a moment to review.

George spoke about the, "Youth need a voice & role in parish & wider church". He asked if there were plans to bring back youth to the PPC? Katie and PPC agreed it was a good idea but recommended we continue through the Synod process before moving forward. All agreed.

Angel said the statement, "We need to step out of the box and try new things and be open to all" stood out to him. He has noticed comments on our social media page are polar opposites and hypocritical. Angel suggested we be kinder and less judgmental. He also suggested we reach out to our LGBTQ community and those that don't "fit the mold" and bring them back to God, that our actions need to translate the love God has for them and us.

Mally touched on several statements. She said we need for people to understand that we do not need to judge. We need to be more open and welcoming. The judgmental looks that we give/get needs to stop. She also said we need to give our youth more respect and listen to them. She suggested we find additional ways to retain our young adults (18-25) and teach everyone about our different cultures.

Katie agreed and affirmed all suggestions and said she would like to pick a statement at this time.

Melissa said the words, "Find, revitalize, teach/show people how/what their gifts are" stood out to her.

Tim suggested we do another parish directory. Add social gatherings (donuts/coffee) after Mass. That we really need our community to come together again. The pandemic has kept everyone away for so long, it is time to reconnect. Tim also said that our community really wants to be able to speak with Father and have PPC members available to talk with after Mass. Tim suggested PPC member wear a name tag and be available after the Mass they normally attend.

Angel suggested that PPC members wear t shirt with a saying on the front, "Hey I am from PPC, ask me a question". Katie suggested we print pictures and post on the bulletin board with PPC names. Mally suggested that PPC member look around when they are at Mass and if they see someone, they do not recognize go up to that person and introduce themselves. George suggested we reach out to the different ministries and begin asking them what they are planning for their ministry in the future. Tim also suggested we do a "Ministry Highlight" in the bulletin each week. Katie suggested that whatever is decided on we make sure to utilize all forms of communication, the bulletin, blast email, web page and Facebook page. All suggested that perhaps this is the time for our community to evolve, change and start anew.

Tim asked Fr. Ernest if he has any comments on the direction he would like PPC to go? Fr Ernest responded with:

1. Angels go ahead and get the t shirts
2. Let's put up the PPC Members pictures
3. Get the youth involved – reconnect with them and our church.
4. We need to accept each other and learn to do things that are more charitable.

Fr. Ernest challenged PPC to take little steps to achieve the greater things.

Melissa let PPC know the Hospitality committee has reformed. Melisa and Mike Phillingane has graciously volunteered to head the committee. Hospitality after each Mass will begin again soon. Tim said he would get in touch with them directly to see if he can help. Tim said he would ask Rachel if she could do the t-shirts? Katie volunteered to talk with Berny, in the office, to see if she would be willing to take the pictures of the PPC members.

Before wrapping up Katie mentioned to PPC that the results from the Synod would be tallied/submitted shortly thereafter, and the results would be published to the parish. Fr. Ernest asked if we as a church, would please continue conversations about the results of the Synod.

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meeting: March 10, 2022