

Parish Mission Statement

We are a Eucharistic community committed to the teachings of Jesus. We embrace our call to love, to serve, and to build a just world.

Our Way of Proceeding

We are a Christian Community embodying the principles of Charity and justice. Our deliberations presume the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through the same Spirit the good Intentions of all of us.

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7-9 p.m.

Call to Order, Attendance

Members in Attendance: Father Tom, Sister Susan, Julie Tragon, Matt Nadalin, Nora Beach, Shawn Beatty, Barbara Byrd-Bennett, Joyce Casey, Cindy D'Alessandro, Patty Dipre, Rosemary Herpel, Joel Jira, Phoebe Mason, David Miller, Lin Mullin, Megan Parsons John Tkac Tom Yuhas, Julianne Kurdila. Helen Zabas,

With us in spirit: Kelly Harmody

Approval of Minutes Minutes approved

Opening Prayer – Faith Sharing

Helen Zabas Matthew 28: 16-20

I. Continue Conversation to Revise**Article IX Commissions**

Sister Susan

In an effort to rewrite Article IX in the Way of Proceeding to meet our current operations outlined in this article, we continued our review of the chart created by Sister Susan that was started at the last meeting. The chart is an outline of the Parish's Commissions, Councils and Committees active in our Parish. Much discussion was held concerning the titles of Commissions and/or Committees. Consensus was not met. A motion was made and second to drop the title of Commission and use Committee. The motion did not pass. A second motion was made to keep the titles currently listed on the chart as Commissions (i.e. Worship, Charity and Justice, Parish Life, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Adult Formation and Stewardship) with the list of committees and groups that support said Commission remaining the same with four exceptions. The Worship Commission, Social Justice Commission, Adult Formation Commission and Building and Grounds Commission will be renamed committees to allow for clarity between Commission and Committee.

Council agreed to appoint an ad hoc committee that will include Sister Susan, Rosemary, Patty, Nora and Helen to develop wording for Article IX that will reflect how we operational the article now that the chart has been formalized and agreed to by Council. The Council will review the work of the Ad Hoc committee at the September meeting.

II. Review of PC Priorities 2022-23

Rosemary and Father Tom

- **Focus on Diversity, Inclusivity, and Special Needs**
- **Youth Engagement, potentially including renewal of the Youth Commission**
- **Survey Parishioners' talents (which might be incorporated into an updated Directory)**

Discussion held on our work on the three priorities that Council identified at the first meeting of the year. Members identified several activities that support those in need; work of the Charitable Giving Board, food distribution, sponsorship of the family from Ukraine, meetings held on Human Trafficking and Criminal Justice. Work will continue in this area. There is a need to bring back The Beatitudes and there are plans to bring in a speaker in September to discuss Diversity, Inclusion and Equity within the Church.

Julie is working to expand youth and young adult engagement. She recently held a meeting to discuss expanding the involvement of our young adults. Our Youth Ministry Commission will become Youth and Young Adult Commission.

Investigating the ability to use technology to update the Parish Directory and update information on our parishioners continues as the Parish looks to utilize more up to date technologies that may be available.

III. Youth Ministry

Julie

Julie asked for input from members on three issues. The first was the best age for Confirmation. Currently, children are confirmed in 11th grade. Most parishes confirm their children in 9th grade. Serious consideration is being given to moving to 10th grade. The next question was about the best time for RTC class that is currently held on Sunday nights. Current feedback is that it is not a good time for families. No decision has been made but Julie shared that feedback from a student was to do it after the 11:00 AM Mass on Sundays. The third question was about the youth mission trips. While the mission trips were well attended in the past, currently three different mission trips have been suggested, yet very few youth have expressed interest. It is felt that effort should be put forth to try to regain interest in the Mission Trips.

IV. Pastoral Staff Updates

Father Tom, Julie Sister Susan, and Matt

No additional Updates

V. Round Table Discussion

Rosemary

Cindy asked for prayers for the Cathedral Latin community on the sudden death of a teacher.

Patty asked about how not to receive the weekly envelope package since they don't use them.

Father Tom responded to call Diane let her know you don't need them. It is a cost savings of about \$30 a family to not send out the envelopes.

Tom thanked the officers for their work over the course of the year.

Father Tom thanked those going off of Council (Shawn, Phoebe and Megan) for their dedication and willingness to serve on Council.

Rosemary thanked Barbara and Nora for their assistance throughout the year and thanked all members for their willingness to serve on Council and to engage in some tough conversations.

Rosemary also wanted to express her thanks to the Parish Staff for all they do to assist us in our work.

VI. Closing Prayer

Barbara Byrd Bennet

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Dates 2023-2024

September 20, 2023 6:00pm *dinner, Discernment of PPC Leadership and Goal Setting*

October 18, 2023 7pm

November 15, 2023 7pm

January 17, 2024 7pm

February 21, 2024 7pm

March 20, 2024 7pm

April 17, 2024 7pm

May 15, 2024 7pm

May 22, 2024 7pm PPC Evening of Discernment

Also add to your calendar

Friday, November 10, 2023 Wine and Cheese Reception (First event in the new Parish Center)TB

Sunday, November 26, 2023 Blessing of the Parish Center 11:00 AM Mass