

**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. All our deliberations presume the guidance of the Holy Spirit

and through the same spirit the good intentions of all of us.

Parish Pastoral Council October 19, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Rosemary Herpel called the meeting to order.

**In attendance**: Nora Beach; Barbara Byrd-Bennett; Joyce Casey; Cindy D"Allessandro; Patty Dipre; Kelly Harmody; Rosemary Herpel; Julianne Kurdila; Phoebe Mason: David Miller; Lin Mullin; Tom Yuhas; and Helen Zabas

Staff in Attendance: Fr. Tom Dragga, Sister Susan Javorek Matt Nadalin, and Julie Tragon

With us in Spirit: Shawn Beatty; Megan Parsons; Michael Cirino; Joel Jira, John Tkac; Sister Susan

**Approval of Minutes:** Tom Yuhas moved to approve the minutes from the September 14, 2022 meeting. Kelly Harmody seconded the motion. There were no additions or corrections. The minutes were approved.

### Opening Prayer - Faith Sharing Rosemary Herpel (Luke 18: 9-14)

- o Rosemary led us in the opening prayer. The gospel was read and Rosemary and several members shared their thoughts on what spoke to them from the gospel.
- o Rosemary passed around a schedule for opening & closing prayers for 2022 –23

## Living the Word Update on the Capital Campaign – Father Tom Update on Building Project

Project is out for bid. Bids are due within the next several days. Bids will be reviewed by the construction company. We will know where we are at by the end of October. All details must be reviewed by the Diocese. In the bidding process, Diocese insists the companies are union unless a parishioner owns the company. Currently, we are on schedule, as expected.

In recognition of the renovation and building project, on October 30<sup>th</sup>, after all the Masses, there will be moment in prayer in Trivison Hall. November 13<sup>th</sup>, at the 11:00 Mass, all will be offered a piece of ribbon, all ribbons tied together and to be tied to the top of the belltower with the help of the fire department and their hook and ladder.

Habitat for Humanity will come in and take out what they can use and then on November 15<sup>th</sup> the demolition will start on the inside. Hopefully there will be points in the process where progress can be videotape and then sent out on the parish website. Shawn Beatty will be asked to use his drone to tape the construction project in process.

#### **Sharing the Word**

#### Update on Meetings and Programs during Construction---Julie and Matt

For PSR, young children are meeting at Dorothy Lewis School. A contract was signed and a fee is being paid. For RTC classes all rooms including the worship space within our church will be utilized. Junior High Retreats will also be held in all available space at the church including the Worship space.

For smaller meetings, the nursery and basement of the rectory can be used. For a short amount of time there is a small room in the office area and the vesting sacristy can be used until it is closed off. The parlor off the Gathering area is now the Food Pantry. We will continue to hold Liturgy of the Word in meeting room and the socials after mass will be held in the Gathering Area. Worship Space will be used for some activities i.e. Blood Drive and Food Basket Distribution.

The kitchen is getting a big make over and not available during the renovation. Office space will not change and will be available during most of the renovation period. At the completion of the renovation the open space outside the offices will become more of a hallway which will allow for larger meeting spaces.

Conversation was held as to the possibility of a return to meeting in people's homes for some activities and meetings. Members recalled that in the past, there were dinners, book studies along with other types of activities held in homes.

It was also notes that there may be committees and activities looking to use the same space at the same time during the renovation and that will need to be worked amongst the parties involved.

**Engaging the Word:** Update on the "Called for More Survey" Father Tom

Father Tom started the discussion by asking members to individually answer True or False questions from the "Called for More Survey". Father Tom shared information on how the survey was developed and details on who responded across the nation. Catholic Leadership Institute created the survey. Responses to the survey came from members of our parish along with 2100 parishes across the country.

The survey responses were discussed in detail. The 5 main take aways were titled as follows:

- "-The 5 Truths of Where We Are"
  - #5 Sacramental Free Fall and a Seismic Generational Shift
  - #4 The Parish Identity Crises
  - #3 We Have Way Too Much Stuff(And We Can't Take Care of It)
  - #2 Covid Has Not Been Kind To Us
  - #1 Make the Parish Feel Smaller

As Father Tom went through the survey results, members spent time sharing initial thoughts on what these results mean and how they can guide us in planning future planning to enhance the life of our parish.

# The following agenda item will be moved to the November Meeting: Discussion "How Diversity Makes Us Smarter"

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how diversity makes us smarter

### **Roundtable Discussion**

- Rosemary shared a funny story about the picture on the Bulletin from October 2<sup>nd</sup> Everyone got a good laugh out of it. She also brought up the idea of holding another "fellowship" experience and set a date to have dinner together again.
- David offered to host at his house. He will choose a Nov. or Dec. date. Members will be informed of the date.
- Helen and Patty said they won't be at the Nov. meeting
- Patty commented the importance that plans need to be put in place when there is an overlap of two groups who need the same space at the same time.
- Nora encouraged all members to wear their name tags when attending Mass on the weekends. It was suggested and decided that the tags can be kept in the Vesting Sacristy. Members can pick up their badge prior to Mass and drop it off before they leave. The wearing of the badge may prompt fellow parishioners to ask members questions or make comments that can be shared at our meetings.
- Tom Yuhas gave a warm shout out to Matt and expressed what a great job he was doing in his new position that prompted a round of applause from the group.
- Matt shared that the past month and a half have been great. He expressed that he has experienced some very special moments since he has arrived and is grateful to have found his way to our parish.
- Joyce asked if the new parishioners could have their pictures displayed somewhere within the church.
- Lin shared that she is right in line with the church getting a new roof because three trees fell on her roof in January and she is still going through the process of getting roof fixed.
- Father Tom shared that a parishioner asked about moving the 5:30 Mass to an earlier time. He asked us to think about this idea and he will ask for our input at the next meeting.

## **Pastoral Staff Updates**

JULIE:

Sister Susan had the pins removed from her knee. She is recovering at home. She is expected to be back to work next week. We are asked to keep her in our thought and prayers.

MATT: Be sure to download the parish app. When messages are sent, the app will open. Tap on the "Messages" icon at the bottom. Give the message to download.

Closing Prayer Nora Beach

"Prayer for our Community"

Richard Rohr

Center for Action and Contemplation

Next Meeting--November 16, 2022

Opening Prayer -David Miller (Luke 23:35-43)

Closing Prayer - Joyce Casey