

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
March 20, 2024
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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.

Members in Attendance: Father Tom, Julie Tragon, Matt Nadalin, Sister Susan, Tom Yuhas, Barbara Bryd-Bennett, Cindy D'Alessandro, Nora Beach, Joyce Casey, Michael Cirino, Patty Dipre, Rosemary Herpel, Kelly Harmody (zoom), Joel Jira, Julianne Kurdila, David Miller, Lin Mullin, John Tkac, Helen Zabas

Absent: Sophie Voudris

Approval of Minutes: Nora moved approval and Joyce seconded the motion.

Liturgy of the Hours: Matt and Rosemary

Parish Directory: Father Tom, Christa Bomeli, Rosemary Herpel

Christa Bomeli is the head of the Parish Directory committee. She reported to the PPC what her committee had come up with and discussed.

~Possible survey on what parish wants

~Like directory and pictures

~Rosemary said 7 parishes were contacted - Our Lady of Guadalupe is the only parish doing a directory

Christa said the committee has three options.

~Option One: Booklet like Our Lady of Guadalupe (it was passed around); funded by advertisements; could be completed by the end of the year; can be updated yearly

~Option Two: We do equivalent to what we've done before (Life Touch 2016); photo directory, printed out, company does most of the heavy lifting - schedules appointments on their own, offers online access but more information is needed from them; need more information on the cost. \$414/1500 people, \$717/3000 people

~Option Three: Online church directory, data is secure - password protected, private, parishioners can upload own photo, one company, link to download PDF
Premium \$154.88/year

~Willing to help people who don't have a computer or who aren't computer literate

*John - Pull current information from mailings

*Sister Susan - Change address - admin. screen, people can change their information, or can church change?

*Nora - Is there a set up fee?

*Father Tom - Recommendation of committee? Last option (digital) plus PDF for homebound, allows people ownership

How do you know when new people join?

How can we find out about talents and interests?

We are such a welcoming community, we want to know about our parishioners.

*Father Tom - This is a perfect example of what PPC is about - we have an idea, it goes to a committee and then they report back.

*Lin - Nice to have cost of booklet, option 2 is what we had in 2016

*Sister Susan - Cost of printing PDF, print yourself

*John - Digital option - did you look at what they had, example - one had a PDF, one had videos

*Joel - Who owns the digital file (secured cloud)

*Barbara - Who owns the electronic file (our data but lives in their computer)

*Nora - Ask family, ask those out of town

*Father Tom - Company should have reference list, recommendation of council - go towards Option Three on recommendation of directory committee, helpful if we find at least one parish who has a digital program

Membership/Discernment: Barbara

*4 members are leaving Parish Council after serving 2-2 year terms - Joyce, Rosemary, Julianne, Lin

*Invite potential new members to come to an April or May meeting

*Look for younger people

*May discernment

*Committee makes some decisions before discernment

*12 - 16 lay members, staff members

*Bring names to committee, let us talk about those people, then we reach out

*Father Tom - Length of time in parish is a measuring stick, if interested may attend April/May meeting

*Joyce (Patty agreed) - Don't talk to people first, council discusses first, you feel called

*Lin - Discuss among selves

- *David - put out notice, mention at Mass, this many slots, go through prayerful discernment
- *Rosemary - New people need to really understand what this body is and is not; what is our role?
- *Father Tom - Youth rep. is not part of 16, does not count in group size, must be member of church and initiated
- *Tom - Pass names to Barbara

Mass Attendance: Father Tom

This discussion is a continuation from our February meeting.

- *Sister Susan - National Catholic Reporter - attendance in faith based organizations
- *Father Tom - Part of the reason why people are not engaged in church is a lack of trust. CARA (Center for Applied Research) - most recent survey - greater attendance on Ash Wednesday than Christmas (Catholics across the USA); What is it that is attracting people on Ash Wednesday; What is competing?
- *Nora - Our parish is welcoming. People are choosing other ways to get fulfilled. How do we fulfill our own parishioners and keep those that are here? (Rosemary agreed with Nora).
- *Lin - Cleveland Clinic passes out ashes for all those who wanted them.
- *Father Tom - The difference between Christmas and Ash Wednesday is the attraction that anyone can come and get ashes.
- *Rosemary - Ahuja - I was there on Ash Wednesday; people came.
- *Julianne - On Ash Wednesday, people can come without attending a full Mass.
- *Matt - *Strange Rites* - documents how there are rituals without worship.
- *Patty - Bulletin - a place to see many opportunities and get involved.
- *Rosemary - I often wonder...we offer a lot of things, but what is the depth of participation? We have good programs. Why are there only a few people who come and how can we increase attendance?

Pastoral Staff Update:

Father Tom:

- *Bell tower is lit.
- *Cement work will be done a couple of weeks after Easter.
- *Getting ready for Holy Week.
- *Replacing Chris - not a lot of applicants.
- *Outdoor Masses - Look during April and May for summer dates.
- *Resurrecting the Parish Life Committee.

Matt:

Fun concert is coming up tomorrow at 7:00.

Sister Susan:

- *A lot went on during Lent, rethink it for next year.
- *On the other hand...offer a lot because of diversity; and people have to decide what they really want to do.
- *Easter food baskets are going well. Pack Sunday, hand out Monday.
- *After Easter Bible study
- *Social Justice - roll out a variety of ways to reach parishioners on civil discourse. Take a presentation and offer it at two different times/post papers in the bulletin.

Julie:

- *During Holy Week, be visible; wear your ID.
- *Faith Formation - formal sessions ended. Confirmation at Saints Cosmas and Damian. April 6 - family liturgy (Mass at 5:00) and breakfast dinner
- *Normal summer - mission trip, young family picnic, Bible School
- *Next year - Family based activities

Round Table Discussion: Tom

- *Nora - Thank you Father Tom, Staff, Prayer Warriors - I received an A+ from the oncologist.
- *Joyce - Thank you Sister Susan and Father Tom for the Fair Trade Boutique.
- *Joel - Good meeting
- *Helen - May 17 - a four generation podcast discussing spirituality vs religion
- *Mike - Thank you Rosemary and Christa for working on the parish directory.
- *John - Thank you for all the work you did for giving us three good options for the parish directory.
- *Tom - Honored to be with you, holy and faithful people. We stay on task and get things done.
- *Barbara - I have two grandsons who don't go to Mass. The college mailings make a difference.
- *Rosemary - Enjoy the Stations of the Cross; they were wonderful. I wish more people would have come.
- *Patty - Feel privileged to be on Council; it reinforces my belief that Resurrection is a wonderful place.
- *Julianne - The time has flown. I won't be here next month.
- *Lin - I started with Julianne. Play - *Our Town*. Son survived the second attempt at the Iditarod.
- *David - My kids are active in Church. I was impressed that Ali, with encouragement from my son Salvatore, decided to become Catholic; there is hope. Resurrection makes it happen.

*Kelly - Thanks, again, for *Night to Shine*. People are still coming up to me and commenting on it. Thanks, Julie, for pushing me to get involved.

*Cindy - For the April 6 family Mass, are the kids reading because lectors have been assigned? (yes)

Closing Prayer: David

Next Pastoral Council Meeting: Wednesday, April 17

Closing Prayer for the April Meeting: John