

Minutes

St. Catherine's Pastoral Council

Monday, March 12, 2018

7 pm, Conference Room, Parish Center

Present: Fr. Joe Marcoux, Diane Bradac, Gigi Galanthay, Steve Jesch, Joseph Babcock, Mary Crosley, Alejandro Santana, Tom Dunn, Sally Ramirez, Madeline LaRocca, Jose Martinez

Excused: Dotevi Soga, Nicole Carrier-Titi, Tom O'Toole

1. Prayer and reflection: Sally offered a prayer, reflection, and faith sharing Psalm 27. And she led a song: "Open my eyes". We discussed the question: "What are challenges?"

2. Review and approval of minutes from February. Madeline motioned, Diane seconded. Approved.

3. Survey Project. After a brief discussion, the survey was finalized. The survey will be handed out at the Ministry Fair during the weekend of April 14/15. An announcement will be made from the pulpit one week prior. In an effort to boost participation, pairs of PC members will introduce the survey at all Masses on the weekend of April 14/15. PC members will staff the conference room to answer questions and help filling out surveys. A greeter will direct parishioners to the conference room to fill out the survey. Assignments and duties are listed in the table below:

	<i>5pm Saturday</i>	<i>9am Sunday</i>	<i>11:30am Sunday</i>
<i>Pulpit Announcement</i>	Tom Dunn & Madeline	Steve & Gigi	Alejandro & Joseph
<i>Staff conference room</i>	Tom Dunn & Madeline	Steve & Gigi	Alejandro & Joseph
<i>Greeter</i>	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe	Fr. Joe

Joseph will write the script for the announcement. He will start by making a statement about why we are asking parishioners to take the survey (i.e. In order to get the best information to advise Fr. Joe, we need to hear from members of the parish). Jose suggested using the verbiage on the top of page one of the survey. Each pair will read the three questions found on page 3 of the survey.

Jose agreed to Jose will compile the data and publish results of survey. Jose suggested that a catchy domain name could be purchased (& announced from the pulpit) in an effort to encourage electronic participation. (suggested by Jose).

Joseph will ask June to forward link to committee chairs. He will write an email emphasizing the need for participation. A deadline will be included.

4. Role and current priorities of the Pastoral Council.

What do we want to be doing as a committee? Joseph wants to see us being more active in the parish. For example, Joseph wants us to be more visible. One suggestion is for PC members to be more visible in the parish. PC members are asked to wear name badges at every parish event, including Mass. Diane suggested that although staff and committees have vibrant participation, PC members could participate in life of the parish by volunteering for that have low participation. For example, PC members could welcome parishioners to the picnic. Madeline suggested that PC members as hospitality ministry, especially on high visibility Sundays (Easter). Show up on Sunday and ask if hospitality ministers need

help. However, training is necessary, so the heads of the hospitality ministers (Deb Roe, Patricia Sipple, John Wishart) should be contacted.

Mary suggested that an announcement should be put in the bulletin that minutes are available on-line. A suggestion was made to list the names of all the PC members along with parish involvement.

4. Fr. Joe's comments Discovering Christ was a success. We consistently had 120 people at each weekly meeting. The next two sessions for the program have been scheduled (Fall, 2018 and Spring, 2019). The staff is considering offering a concentrated program of Discovering Christ over two weeks during the summer.

In order to recover wasted space at the side doors of the church, the current doors will be replaced with barn doors. The current doors are not fire doors, so this plan will not violate fire regulations.

We're close to paying off the parish center – only \$500,000 left. to pay off building. And there is money left to carry out preventive maintenance.

A significant change in the diocesan requirement for catechisms is coming that will require 40 hours of training through St. Bernard's School of Theology and Ministry (video feed to parish center). Given the amount of time requirement, there is pushback. The staff are looking at options to fulfill the training requirement without the time.

We will be praying Prayer for the Holy Spirit during Easter season to ask for new PC members. PC members will be asked to lead parish in this prayer starting April 7/8 for 7 weeks. New members will be selected on Pentecost.

Fr. Joe asked the PC give some thought new Leadership, as Joseph will be stepping down as chair at the end of the June.

5. Thoughts and observations about Lent. Feedback from the parish on the purple reflection questions has been enthusiastic and positive. Fr. Joe mentioned that these were the work of the liturgy committee. Fr. Joe is putting the responses to the questions into the corpus. He mentioned that he is getting a sense of wounded-ness of many of our parishioners and he has been using these responses as a part of his prayer during Lent.

6. Thank yous. Discovering Christ — hospitality teams, cooks, musicians, facilitators, Diane Bradac for designing tables. RCIA team getting them ready for Easter. P&J committee for DACA. Gun violence & Jerusalem adult faith. Spanish mass & dinner Puerto Rico (people who donated, attended, high school and Middle School).

7. Suggestion box: Q: Something vague about coat hangers. Q: Can speakers be moved or adorned so that they are less offensive? A: They are in correct place. Ask sound consultants to come in again about raising the speakers and reset the system. Problems need to addressed. Not much we can do. Fr. Joe could address in Book of Fr. Joe. The staff (Mary and Sherry) are working to optimize.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45

Minutes submitted by Stephen Jesch