

Ss. Isidore & Maria Torribia Parish

Pastoral Council 07/24/22

24 July 2022/ 3:00 PM / St. Joseph's Hall

ATTENDEES

Council: Anna Bauer, Kevin Gahagan, Roger Parluski, Joanna Colavecchi, Joe Crance

Staff:, Father Pat, Deacon Dave LaFortune

Guests: Art Jones

Excused: Peter Olausson, Bill Owens, Mike Delgrosso, Deacon Doug Farwell, Joe Machuga

AGENDA

Opening prayer - Anna read the following prayer: Teach us the virtue of humility and selfless dedication, to serve our fellow council members and parishioners. Give us strength and compassion to understand each other. Wisdom and love to help each other. And the trust and patience we need to work peacefully together. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Agenda approval - Anna requested approval for the agenda. Roger approved, seconded by Joanne. Unanimously agreed without changes.

Minutes of April 24 meeting - Roger motioned, Joanne seconded, all approved.

Pastor's Remarks - for next meeting Fr. Pat would like have election for new officers on the agenda. Fr. Pat provided a list of people he is considering for officers for the Pastoral Council.

St. Catherine's - Rich Wagar, Maureen Tetor, Mary Lou Fawcett, David Baker, Joseph Trappler

St. Joseph's - Elmer Kuehner, Tony Bartone

St. Stanislaus - Jo Miller, Sherry Sanford

It was determined we needed two people from St. Catherine's and one from St. Joe's to have representation from all churches.

Is anyone qualified for the finance council? Possibly Elmer Kuehner. Rich Wagar is on buildings and grounds so we need him there.

Business Manager Report

Financial Update - Peter is not present, so no update was given.

Old Business

Safety Planning - Peter sent an email concerning safety to suggest Deacons to give a simple and easy to understand talk about safety exits in each church. Do it two weeks in a row then repeat in a few months.

AED's were discussed. May be one in the basement of St. Catherine's. We should try to get one in each church in the worship space. Art noted it is important to start chest compressions even if an AED is not available.

Annual Meeting at each worship site, primarily looking at budget, actual, and plans. Will be discussed in September. Suggested to add on to annual meeting some safety reminders and AED/ resuscitation procedures.

Parish Picnic - Motion not to hold picnic this year and consider next year to start with six month planning. Proposed by father pat, seconded by Anna, approved by all.

New Business

Strategic Planning Goals - Parish council needs to look at proposed goals and decide which we should prioritize and move forward. We had an open discussion about which elements to prioritize. No decision we're made other than to set another meeting after everyone has a chance to review in detail, but the following comments were captured.

1.1 creating a sense of community is a very important objective, coffee hours are popular and Art would be willing to do once every other month. Last Sunday of every month. Have a social committee at each site. Have a tent, covered area, to catch people as they walk out of church. Deacon Dave would like to announce that this as a volunteer opportunity. Need to have point of contact in bulletin.

Parish census would cover a lot of things about understanding peoples capabilities.

Do mail and online at the same time.

A census would also help to realign our numbers with the Diocese records. This is very difficult to do.

Eucharistic revival, getting people back into church. Have positive message to encourage people to come back. Reaching out to youth. Yesterday at 4pm had a baptism, brought a sense of youth, hope, and community. We had people at 9am that formerly attended All Saints, but coming to St. Catherine's recently and want to come.

Suggested to put into bulletin to let people know if there will be a baptism during Mass.

1.4 a parish directory is an important way to build sense of community. plan to have it done next year, but work on getting volunteers together this year. Should be no cost to the parish.

3. Music program - too expensive and difficult at three geographic sites.

Proposed to have music under liturgical committee. Bring consistency between different sites. 3.2 explore adequacy of sound systems in 2023 and 3.3 \$20-40K total for the whole system. Explore it in 2023.

Parish Safety - Art contacted Sheriff's office. Rich Wager has training and experience.

Next Meeting Next meeting is scheduled for 3pm on Sept. 25, 2022 at St. Joseph's. (This meeting was postponed due to schedule conflicts.)

Closing Prayer - Deacon Dave gave the closing prayer.