

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes, August 28, 2024

- PPC Members in attendance: Mimi Madrid, Stephen Sheahan, Martha Zamorano, Jeff Cardell, Gail Graham, Ed Gallagher, Alex Miniell, Jean Mense, Fr. Jaime Rivera, and Fr. Juan Areiza.
- Father Juan opened the meeting with a prayer.

- **Parish Picnic (Ed)**
 - Ed is hosting a meeting immediately following the Council meeting to review the volunteers' ideas and skill levels. Ed cannot manage the parish picnic moving forward and will need to find someone to lead this effort. We hope to find someone at the meeting.
 - September 7 and 8 will be Parish Picnic Recruitment Sunday. The Parish Council will speak at all masses to promote the picnic and solicit volunteers. In addition a table will be set up in the narthex for people to sign up as they leave mass. Stephen will draft the message, the sign up sheets and a "take away" for people to volunteer later.
 - o Saturday 5 p.m. - Stephen Sheahan
 - o Saturday 7:30 p.m. - Martha Zamorano
 - o Sunday 8 a.m. - Jean Mense
 - o Sunday 10 a.m. - Ed Gallagher
 - o Sunday noon - Mimi Madrid
 - o Sunday 2 p.m. - Alex Miniell
 - o Sunday 5 p.m. - Gail Graham
 - Mimi worked with Rodney to update the Bulletin announcement of the picnic to include English and Spanish.
 - Ideas for the picnic include:
 - o The picnic will start at 11 AM and end at 4 PM on October 19
 - o Tables for the ministry fair will be interspersed with the tables set up for people eating the picnic food.
 - o A Trunk-and-Treat will be held in the parking lot as part of the Picnic.
 - o The merits of having the picnic food prepared by the ministries and the Hispanic community and supplementing those efforts with a food truck were discussed.
 - o A budget for the Picnic will need to be established and Fr. Juan indicated that Mimi should speak to Rosaria about that. An initial placeholder budget of \$3k has

been established and will be modified as planning creates more specific requirements.

- **Synod Participation (Stephen)**

- Stephen distributed a message for the Bulletin and STA Today email at the meeting. This message will be translated to Spanish and will be submitted to Rodney for publication. In coordination with the message, the Synod Report will be posted to the STA web site.
- Jeff and Stephen worked together to identify actionable insights contained in the 11 pages of participants' insights. Some of the items have already been implemented such as noon mass. One other item discussed was a Teaching Mass. Father Jamie reminded us of the video series completed by Kathy Kuzcka which is still on the parish YouTube channel. It was done in September of 2021. Stephen will review this with the Liturgy Director, Richard Clawson about how to proceed and bring back the information to the Council.
- In addition, Stephen introduced a book on Becoming a Pastoral Parish Council. Father Juan and Mimi will review and come to the next meeting with ideas.

- **New Parishioner Brunch (Mimi)**

- The next New Parishioner Brunch is scheduled for November 3 at 11:15 a.m. Niki has agreed to engage her ministry members to prepare and serve the food. Jean will coordinate with Niki on menu and number of guests. Martha and Mimi will work on the guest list and plan to send text messages three weeks in advance (around 10/14/24)

- **Ministry Commissions (Jeff)**

- Outreach by Council members to the leaders of Ministries under their charge continues, using of the talking points prepared by Jean and Jeff. But Jeff directed our attention to the fact that there still ministries for which no Council liaison point has been established and many of the ministries have not yet have been contacted. As a group we will need to accelerate the pace to get to Full status within a reasonable time frame.
- The information collected on the master list will be needed to influence the Ministry Leadership Workshop planned for February 2025.
- Jeff will send out a list of unassigned ministries to all members, along with the link to the master list and the talking points.

- **Parish Pastoral Council Email Address (Mimi)**

- Mimi reported on the emails received. The emails have been forwarded to the appropriate STA staff members. They were primarily regarding Faith Formation.

- Mimi has requested to have a new picture taken of the current Parish Council members to put in the bulletin and STA Today. This will be done during the Parish Picnic in October.

- **Pastors Update (Fr. Juan)**
 - Father Juan reported Richard is planning a Liturgy Day on September 21. The ministry leadership training workshop is scheduled for February 2025.
 - Financial status is improving. Weekly collections are getting better but still need to improve. There is a possibility of the Finance campaign in the parish next year if needed.
 - We talked about the Teen programs Seth is leading and how to incorporate peer pressure versus parental pressure.
 - Father Juan is looking into Ministry categories of Healing, Growing and Mission.
 - He also mentioned Adult Faith Formation Opportunities are coming. We talked a bit about the Alpha and Wild Goose programs and if they could come back.
 - Finally we talked about the importance of having all opportunities in both English and Spanish.

- **A concluding prayer was conducted by Fr. Juan**
- **Our next meeting is scheduled for 9/25/24 at 6:00 pm in the conference room.**

Submitted by Jean Mense