

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes, July 23, 2025

- PPC Members in attendance: Mimi Madrid, Alex Miniel, Gail Graham, Martha Zamorano, Orlando Cruz, Fr. Jaime Rivera, Stephen Sheahan, Jeff Cardell, and Fr. Juan Areiza.
- Father Juan opened the meeting with a prayer.
- **Picnic (Gail)**
 - Gail reported that Kathy Kuczka has agreed to lead the Fall Festival/Picnic planning. Stephen will offer to help her organize volunteers for the day.
 - Kathy would like someone to lead the ministry fair portion of the event. It was asked whether the ministries should be present at the picnic and everyone agreed that they should be present in front of that many parishioners. The council will ask Mimi to lead the ministry fair. Stephen mentioned that we need to coach ministry leaders as to what to expect: informative for parishioners, not a recruiting event. The leaders need to be informed now and at the 9/27 session give them more information.
- **Pastoral Council Strategic Initiatives (Stephen)**
 - The committees offered their reports (See attached documents for full reports):
 1. Expanding Council participation to better reflect the diversity of our parish demographic and provide leadership opportunities to more of our people - Gail and Phil. The council bylaws were reviewed, and the team will provide recommendations and guidance in an upcoming meeting as to whether to follow the existing bylaws or amend them for current needs. Once the direction is decided we can move forward with next steps.
 2. Augmenting succession planning initiatives by encouraging a co-leadership model for the Ministries to ensure ministerial sustainability - Jean and Jeff. Overall and ongoing support of ministries was discussed.
 3. Encouraging and increasing communication between parishioners and Council members - Mimi, Alex, Martha & Orlando. "We Hear You" would be a process for direct communication between parishioners & the Council. Council members will make themselves available in the Narthex after each mass on a quarterly basis. Fr Juan likes the idea of a poster with Council member names & faces.

Jeff suggested that PPC have a booth at the 10/4 picnic/ministry fair. Mimi suggested t-shirts for Council members at picnic.

4. Initiating outreach to Pastoral Councils at other parishes to model cross-parish synodality and explore opportunities for collaboration - Stephen, Alex and Fr. Juan. This will be worked on more as time permits.
5. Partner with the Faith Formation team to accelerate the availability of adult offerings in the existing program design in the near term and contribute to a plan for their sustainability - Stephen, Fr. Juan, Abigail Byron-Goslin, Ed Gallagher, Nancy Barker, Bud Barker. Stephen reported that Abigail has distributed orientation and vision casting materials available for the committee to get started. The team plans to review the STA Synod data and the experience of OCIA staff and graduates regarding their needs. They will meet again next week.

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- **Pastor's Update (Fr. Juan)**
 - Father Juan presented the results from the Disciple Maker Index survey that parishioners completed earlier this spring. The fruits of our work as a parish is vocations and with a net loss of priests in the Archdiocese this year, the need is great. Fr. Juan also indicated that he is declining to pursue STA participation in the Next Generation parish program which replicates, in part, the work we are already doing, allowing that limited program to be available to other parishes with fewer resources.
- **Our next meeting is scheduled for 8/20/25 at 6:00 pm. A concluding prayer was led by Fr Juan.**

Submitted by Gail Graham