

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes, September 24, 2025

- PPC Members in attendance: Mimi Madrid, Ed Gallagher, Alex Miniell, Gail Graham, Martha Zamorano, Orlando Cruz, Fr. Jaime Rivera, Stephen Sheahan, Jeff Cardell, Phil Cranmer, and Fr. Juan Areiza.
- Father Jaime opened the meeting with a prayer.
- **Fall Festival/Ministry Fair (Stephen)**
 - Our after-mass appeal for volunteers this past weekend only produced 54 volunteers – roughly half of the total number of volunteers that the plan calls for (110).
 - Stephen plans to take further action by:
 - Generating a mailing to folks who volunteered last year who have not yet volunteered for this year's version
 - Going back to the Confirmation class leadership to request that they make a second request. (Only 3-4 kids out of a group of 60 is disappointing).
 - Having a table in the narthex again this weekend to collect volunteer forms. Gail will add this to the deacon announcements.
- **Ministry Fair (Mimi)**
 - we have 33 ministry tables for the Ministry Fair. Prefer to keep all the ministries together in one area. PPC will have a cash basket for the silent auction.
- **Ministry Sharing Session (Jeff)**
 - discussed agenda and handout. Martha will translate both documents.
 - all ideas gathered at the sharing session will be distributed to all attendees along with a survey. Jeff will type up the ideas and give them to Gail to send out with the survey.
 - Jeff will be MC of the session and will announce that this session is a response to ministry leaders requests. Stephen, Jeff, Alex and Orlando will facilitate the session with Alex and Orlando providing translation as needed. Fr Juan will open the session with prayer at 9:30am.
- **Pastoral Council Strategic Initiatives (All)**
 - The committees offered their 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. Fr Juan suggested several updates to the council bylaws. The

proposed Council bylaws will be distributed to all members prior to the next meeting for voting. Stephen was voted in as the Vice Chair.

2. Encouraging and increasing communication between parishioners and Council members - Mimi, Alex, Martha & Orlando. "We Hear You" form option 1 was voted by the council with a launch date of November 1st.
3. 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. The advisory team has continued to meet with Abigail, though this week's meeting was rescheduled due to her absence. Stephen reached out to Andy McGowan, a former parishioner, who is a marketing professional for help that Abigail requested in framing the overall program tracks in a way that would be easily understandable and attractive to our adult parishioners. The call set up was also postponed due to her absence, but has been rescheduled for next week.

- **Pastor's Update (Fr. Juan)**

- Father Juan presented the results from the Columbarium survey : 634 surveys received 441 yes 193 no. Next meeting will be scheduled with the Archdiocese. 250 niches need to be sold to break ground.
- Parish finances are low but expenses are also down so it has balanced out for now.

- **Newcomer's Brunch (Mimi)**

-Niki will cook for our 10/26 brunch at 11:15am

- **Our next meeting is scheduled for 10/29/25 at 6:00 pm. A concluding prayer was led by Fr Jaime.**

Submitted by Gail Graham