

Minutes of 3/23/26 Parish Council Meeting

- PPC Members in attendance: Mimi Madrid, Gail Graham, Martha Zamorano, Jeff Cardell, Ed Gallagher, Fr. Dan Fleming, Jean Mense, Stephen Sheahan, Alex Miniel, and Orlando Cruz.

Opened with prayer by Fr. Dan

Pastoral Council Strategic Initiatives:

- **Increasing Council Participation & Bylaws**

Gail provided a Bulletin announcement to solicit new Council members. The announcement was approved with minor changes. There may be a need for council members to speak from the pulpit at weekend masses if there isn't much response. Gail will move forward on putting the announcement in the bulletin.

In addition, several files were forwarded to council members to review regarding interview questions and qualifications,

- **Supporting STA Ministries**

Jeff and Jean reported they have met to review and analyze the information from last year's ministry workshop and retreat. The analysis shows the biggest concern was in communication and advertising which we worked to address in the October workshop. Martha reported that succession planning is a big issue for the Hispanic ministries and they are asking for a document with guidelines for ministry leadership. Stephen volunteered to draft something to address this for the council to review.

The council talked about the April 11 Spiritual Retreat for the ministry leaders. It is scheduled very close to Easter and frankly there is not a lot of time left to plan anything and the ministry leaders have not been made aware of the date. Therefore we agreed to cancel the Spiritual Retreat for 2026 and focus on the Sharing Session planned for September 26. In the meantime, we can communicate with ministry leaders via email.

Jeff and Martha met to review the Google document and how best to keep it updated to insure we are communicating with the right people.

Tasks for the Sharing Session include emailing the ministry leaders for topics to discuss. In addition we may want to work with a couple of ministry leaders on improving their presence on the STA Ministries section of the web site. We could then ask those leaders to help with the workshop in September.

We talked about the assignment of council members to specific ministries we have used for communication and connection between the council and the ministries. Since that communication has been inconsistent, it was agreed we would discontinue that and include a list of council members and contact information at the bottom of all emails sent to Ministry Leaders. It was also suggested all emails come from the same person or email address which has been Gail Graham.

- Encouraging & Increasing Communication

Mimi reported on the New Parishioner Brunch scheduled for Sunday, April 26 after 10 a.m. mass, Invitations are going out this week. She has spoken to Niki about the food and is working with ministries to present. All council members should plan to attend.

Mimi also reported we have a new date for the Fall Festival - it will be on 10/10 with a rain date of 10/17. This change was made to avoid a conflict with the Town of Milton Fall Festival which will be held on 10/3.

- Initiating outreach to PC's @other parishes

Stephen reported that work on this outreach was deferred until after the Triduum in view of, not only our own crowded calendars, but those of the people to whom we would be reaching out.

- Partnering with Faith Formation

Stephen reported the project team met with Abigail on 3/19. She has been focused on developing a workable transition plan to implement the new age for Confirmation. They agreed to defer talks about how the team could best support her but Abigail thinks communication will be needed for a smooth transition.

Abigail continues to work with the Archdiocese regarding a date for the Aquinas Gala in 2027 to insure the Archbishop is available.

While the team is reviewing the inventory of technology requirements, they focused on the immediate technology requirements of the Faith Formation team which include 2 laptops and 5 tablets. These are needed for registration in May. These purchases will be funded from the parish's Evangelization account. An anonymous gift of \$500 specifically earmarked for this purpose has already been made to this account. Any Council members wishing to contribute may do so through Rosario. We would also like to solicit assistance from parishioners who may have current expertise in IT to advise us on the most cost-effective approach for the balance of the requirements.

Pastors Update

Gail Graham reported for Father Juan. The Finance Council has approved the expenditure of a roof replacement to be done as soon as possible. Stephen reminded Gail of the wiring for the bells that is under the eaves.

Parish Registration Form

Martha talked about the back of the current new parishioner registration form. The form needs to be reprinted and she wanted to know if that should still be included. It is not part of the online registration. This supports the updating of ministry information on the STA web site that is planned for the Sept 26 Ministry Sharing session. This will allow all updates to be at one place and we could then include the website address on the form which would take a user directly to the Ministry area.

Follow up on PPC emails

An email was received from Dianna Malta regarding the use of the dumpster by non-authorized people and also a concern regarding parking during Holy Week and Easter. This will be forwarded to Rosario for follow up.

Mimi stated that the next meeting will be April 29.

End with Prayer led by Father Dan