



## ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

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Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2021

Meeting began at 7:03

Opening Prayer – Alex Saldanha

Alex began the meeting by asking everyone to introduce themselves.

Alex Saldanha – A parishioner since the late 80's, children went to The School of the Madeleine, wife Avril was in the choir, Avril died in 2016, Alex is software engineer and he travels quite often, Brian King – lives on the Marin Circle, he is a builder, and plays competitive bridge. Ceara Brencic – has been a parishioner for 18 years, her husband is Jim and they have two children AJ & Jack, Ceara works in construction – facilities coordinator for the parish, and a Vincentian, Lourdes Guzman – A parishioner since 1987, She was married at St. Mary Magdalen, has 4 boys who went to SOM, Lourdes attend the California College of Arts and Crafts, one of the Dominican priest asked her to help with decorating in 1998 and she has been decorating ever since, Sharon Ceasar – member of parish, 3 children attended SOM, she is a lawyer, the moderator for the Dominican laity, Sharon was very active at SOM while children were there, she loves to read. Maria Martinez – has many years in the parish, daughter was SOM student, she serves on the P & J committee, Maria is a retired teacher, Dennis Smith (just retired PPC member) – Dennis married into the parish to Sally who family have been here for a long time, they moved for work then returned in 1998, Claire – is an "honorary" member of the council due to the things she is working on currently Solar for the parish, she has been a parishioner since 2007, she is a member of the 11:30 (formally 11:00) choir, music ministry, also attends the P & J committee meetings, retired from the Centers for Disease Control. Heather started teaching at SOM in 1976, Norah Hippolyte is the business manager, Rev Nicholas Glisson is the Pastor – Joan Bell and Kristin Collins were not available this evening.

Expectations of Parish Pastoral Council Members

Fr. Nick Glisson

Fr. Nick – Pastor is president of the council, Alex is the convener. The pastor has the final say on most decisions. Fr. Nick likes a council that is more active than most; he likes to be able to use the talents of the council members.

Current in progress topics

- Catholic Global Community Project Sharon Ceasar
  - One of the ideas that surfaced at the Parish Conference was to put pictures of Saints on the fence along Henry to represent the diversity of the Catholic Church.
  - For November, the month of All Souls and has been designated Black Catholic History Month, 15 images of Black Catholics, saints, blessed, venerables, or servants of God will be displayed on fence on Henry, we have received financial support, images up by Nov 1 (hopefully), We will have images displayed in the church as well.
  - We will celebrate Our Lady of Guadalupe.
  - Penecost to celebrate saints from all ethnicities, Fr. Nick suggested Wikipedia as a source for information about saints. Heather will also use Br. McGraph(sp)

*"Together we share our faith in Jesus Christ. We live the Gospel, and we care for others."*

- January Parish Conference Fr. Nick
  - Parish Conference is scheduled for January 29, 2022. The topic will be evangelization
  - We have contacted St Perpetua as the site for the conference. We are waiting to hear from them.
  - Fr. Nick will contact Fr. John Gillespie of Florida to be our Keynote speaker - Fr. Nick will have a speaker by next meeting.
- Centenary Celebration (February 2023 – July 2023) Fr. Nick
  - We have surfaced a few names to – Norah will send names we have surfaced out tomorrow
- Collaborative Work with the School on Events
  - Ceara feels strongly that we need a young parent on the council who also serves on the Parent Association from the School. This will allow for better communication regarding events at the parish and the school.
- Jim Pawlak has served as the School Board liaison, he is stepping down from the council. Heather – will serve as board liaison in the meantime
- Bylaws - Norah will forward to new members

#### Projects by other groups

- Solar Feasibility Study (Claire Broome) – Written report (attached)
- Small Faith Sharing – Joan Bell is one the presenters she was not able to attend this evening.
- Racial Equity Committee (Brian King) -
  - Helping with the JustFaith launch,
  - Redesigning the list for the phone tree which will be useful for lots of things. The PPC has been tasked with developing guidelines for using the phone tree.
  - tabling after Masses this weekend, Dennis will,
  - Cat Cabral, Paula R & Leslie R on working in the school,
  - Rhonda H and Kristen working on 2 hour JustFaith sampler
- Convent – We are currently looking for a community of sisters to rent the convent, we will consider other options such as renting to JST or DSPT for student housing.
  - ACE (an intern program for student teachers from Notre Dame) is not interested in renting the convent
  - We are concerned about roof on the convent. We will work with school on replacing the roof.

#### New Business

- Phone Tree Jim Pawlak
  - PPC to draw up guidelines – Brian King and Jim Pawlak will work on guidelines.
- Mission Alignment Process Fr. Nick
  - There was an article in the August issue of the Catholic Voice magazine regarding the Mission Alignment Process or MAP. Some people have voiced some concern about how the process will affect St. Mary Magdalen. The public portion of the process is just getting started. A survey will be released soon.
  - Fr. Nick said that this is a process to consider how we should proceed as a diocese. Mike Cassidy is the parish representative.

- Fr. Nick will speak to the process when we get to the survey.

Update/Wrap up - Fr. Nick - We had an excellent penance service last night, about 22 people attended. He has finished the draft of finance letter to select parishioners, he hopes the letter will be out this week to top 100 givers. Hopefully all parishioners will increase their donations. Last weekend reversed seating for the outdoor Mass, people seemed happy with the change. Heather has been pushing for the outdoor liturgy to last as long as possible. Our attendance last weekend was about 300. We need to have another fundraiser before the end of the year. If it is still a music focus possibly use a different genre of music to appeal to a different audience – maybe stick with Andy, The council is charged with identifying a coordinator.

Housekeeping – Opening /closing prayer assignment & meeting dates – Alex will assign roles

Closing Prayer - Fr. Nick led closing

Adjourned – 8:28pm