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Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes from October 12, 2021

The meeting began at 7:01PM

Attendees: Kristin Collins, Brian King, Joan Bell, Heather Skinner, Fr. Nicholas Glisson, Maria Martinez, Ceara Brencic

Opening Prayer - Sharon Ceasar

Kristin asked Joan Bell to tell the council a bit about her. Joan has been in the parish for 22 years. Her children attend the School of the Madeleine. Currently, she leads Teen Confirmation preparation, a Godel reflection group, and she is involved in Music Ministry

Old Business

- Annual Parish Conference

The conference will take place at St. Perpetua in Lafayette on January 29, 2022. Estimated time for the event is 9:00AM to 2:30PM. Fr. Nick has asked Fr. John Gillespe to be the Keynote speaker, but he has not received a response as yet. Alex and Fr. Nick will set a meeting to sort out the plan and focus for the day.

Reports

- Brian King provided a report on the Racial Equity Committee. The committee did some tabling at the entrances to worship spaces for the new Faith and Racial Equity course. They were able to get 18 sign-ups. Brian and Jim P. have not been able to get together yet to write up guidelines for the phone tree.
- Fr. Nick provided a report on the Mission Alignment Process. We are hoping to take the surveys this weekend during the masses. People need to bring phones. The survey will replace the homily. Fr Nick feels we will get more participation by doing the survey at Mass. Depending on how long it takes to do the survey, we may just help people to get into the port. There are 75 questions on the survey, he thought it is good to so many questions. Paper copies will be available. We want as many people as possible to do the survey. The hope is to get a profile the diocese can use to organize the diocese. Email blast with link and asking people to bring Laptops, ipads. The questions are not particular to our diocese. This is a National survey that has been developed in the last 15 to 20 years. The surveys due Nov 22.

New Business

- Identify Centenary Chair or Co-Chairs –
 - These are the names submitted to the council by Norah: C Altekruise, T Betschart, M Fettig, M Grycz, J Guerrero, R Hart, P Lindh, V Lipinski, S McKay, G Perkins, C Seuferer, A Yeh, A Saldanha, D Smith
 - Maria suggested talking to all of these folks and asking them

- Ultimately, the council decided to let Alex S. call people to ask them to chair the committee.
- Designate new School Board Liaison – the school board meets on Wednesday's, at 6:30pm, purview to work with principal & pastor, budget, marketing, and school Mission. The main job of the Liaison is to report to the council. Heather volunteered.
- Ceara addressed the communication between the parish and the Parent Association regarding events in conjunction with the school. She felt it was important that we ask them to be in leadership with us. We will also need to provide them with a list of activities in 2022 for the calendar. Leslie Roulias is the chair of the PA. Ceara will talk to Leslie.

Update/Wrap up - Fr. Nick - Blessing of animals went well, the survey opens this weekend, blessing for first responders is set for October 23/24. A letter has gone to inviting police and fire chiefs and he intends to deliver a Flyer to a local fire station. First Responders will be entitled to a free donut after the 8 and 9:30 Masses. All Saints we will have an additional mass even though it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have an Altar of Remembrance during the month of November. We are having a Memorial Mass for those who died during covid. Our 2nd concert and cuisine fundraiser will be Jazz. We will keep the same arrangement with food and music like we did with Andy, Angelo d'Alo will provide the food. Jazz, instead of classical to broaden the appeal. Dec 12 is the procession of Our Lady of Guadalupe image from church to Dominican Garden, we will sing some hymns in honor of our Lady, then light the Christmas tree, sing Christmas carols. The Penance service is set for December 13. Fr Steven Bell, CSP will preach 5:30, 9:30, 11:30 the weekend of Nov 13/14. Banners with the Black Saints will be posted on the Henry Street fence and in the church. Heather working on the bios highlighting how they broke down barriers. Contact Chronicle, Michelle Jurich,

Housekeeping – Opening /closing prayer assignment & meeting dates – sent

Brian King offered the Closing Prayer.

We adjourned at 8:06PM