



ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2022

Attendees: Kristin Collins (last meeting appearance), Fr. Nick Glisson, Heather Skinner, Brian King, Sharon Ceasar, Maria Martinez, and Norah Hippolyte

Absent: Alex Saldanha, Ceara Brencic, Lourdes Guzman, & Joan Bell

Meeting convened at 7:08 pm

Opening Prayer was prayed by Fr. Nick

Brian K chaired the meeting in Alex's absence.

The meeting began with check in information.

- Brian informed the council of Dennis Smith's esophageal cancer. Also, he had a stroke over the weekend and was in the hospital. He will be coming home for hospice care.
- Kristin Collins reminded the council that her 3 years were concluded. She is willing to assist with projects that may arise.
- Ceara Brencic sent a message that she has served the council for six years and she needs to resign. At the end of June 2023, she plans to move to Santa Rosa where she and Jim are currently building a home.
- Fr. Nick suggested we begin looking for a new facilities person for the council, possibly Larry Whalen.
- Alex Saldanha also need to step down from the council due to his travel schedule and business. He will continue to work on the planning for the parish Conference.

The next topic of discussion was new members. Gina Ramos-Campbell has accepted. Michael Rice is not able to join the council at this time. We have not been able to reach Catie Cariaga-Nakamura. Fr. Nick reported about the possible liaison to the School-Board, Lisa Aliferis and suggested that Gina might be a good liaison with the school PA board. Assignments for reaching out to new members: Heather will reach out to Kryz Odyniec, Fr. Nick will contact Andy & Jason Pinost, Norah will contact Catie Cariaga-Nakamura.

We will hold off on nominating a new convenor until we have the new members on board.

Reports

Racial Equity Committee (REC) – Brian

- ❖ 12 Banners will be placed on the fence on Sept 14 for Hispanic Heritage Month September 15-October 15
- ❖ Kate and Brian King have identified individuals for Indigenous Peoples month, November. Heather may be able to get a few students to write four of the bios. Brian and Kate will provide the information.
- ❖ We are having a fundraiser for Mexicali on September 24

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

- ❖ Sending an email to all of the Just Faith Racial Equity alums from the parish about a get together every 4th Sunday in person to keep the spirit of justice alive.
- ❖ Jim Pawlak is going to hand off the phone tree since it is viable at this point.
- ❖ Maria Martinez spoke with Fr. John Prochaska regarding a choir from St Ambrose coming to St. Mary Magdalen on October 9 at the 9:30AM Mass. The group she spoke to is small but are willing to come and sing in Spanish for that Mass. We probably should plan for more donuts.
- ❖ Fr. Rigo Calocarivas is willing to work with us for Hispanic events. We are hoping to make the Latino community to feel welcome with occasional events. It seems that many of the Spanish speaking members of the parish formally known as St. Lawrence O'Toole may not be attending Mass.
- ❖ Origami cranes can be on display in the church. Fr. Nick suggested using the giving tree for the cranes. Putting it up in November.
- ❖ AAPI mini-conference takes place on November 5

Annual Parish Conference

- ❖ Fr. Michael Sweeney is available for February 11
- ❖ Hopefully, the location of the conference will be St. Perpetua's in Lafayette
- ❖ Fr. Nick also suggested going to dinner after the conference

Picnic

- ❖ The picnic was well attended and there was plenty to do and plenty of food. Timing may be a concern for school families so we will consider shifting the picnic to the Sunday after Labor day.

Mexicali

- ❖ Fundraiser to support the 2 girls Catholic school tuition
- ❖ We are currently planning an excursion to Mexicali for January. People would be on their own for getting to and from San Diego. Fr. Nick would rent a van, drive to the border. We need a coordinator for this event.

New Business

- Liturgy
 - ❖ Altar server training – possibly make this part of the Religious education curriculum. Fr. Jean Claude, SJ, Fr. Nick, and Heather Skinner are developing a plan to get this back up and running with young people.
 - ❖ Advent banners describing the Advent season for the fence
 - ❖ Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration with Fr. Rigo. Mass and procession to the garden for the tree lighting. Followed by a party in Parish Hall.
- Coffee hour is back this coming weekend.

Fr. Nick wrap-up

- Convent rental did not proceed due to the need for DSPT to provide insurance coverage for the renters in the event of any sexual misconduct.
- Family issues in Florida which will require him to visit Florida more frequently possibly every 6 – 8 weeks.
- Retreat next week

- Vacation the beginning of October.

Sharon Ceasar offered the closing prayer.

Adjourned at 8:09.