



ST. MARY MAGDALEN PARISH

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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes – August 9, 2022

Attendees: Brian King, Ceara Brencic, Maria Martinez, Lourdes Guzman, Fr. Nick Glisson, & Norah Hippolyte

Absent: Alex Saldanha, Kristin Collins, Heather Skinner, & Sharon Ceasar

Meeting convened at 7:08 pm

Opening Prayer was prayed by Ceara Brencic

Norah chaired the meeting in Alex S absence.

Reports

Racial Equity Committee (REC) - Brian

- ❖ There will not be an offering of Just Faith for Racial Equity this fall. The committee is considering hosting another Wealth Gap event to generate interest. Brian is impressed with the amount of people in the parish who have taken a session.
- ❖ Progress has been made of the phone tree. Jim P. has not been able to do follow-up with some folks. The concern is that phoning may not be the best way to get in contact with people. People were responding to text messages, but not answering the phone.
- ❖ Hispanic Heritage month is September 15 to October 15. Maria Martinez has identified 12 individuals for the banners on the fence and posters in the church.
- ❖ November is Indigenous peoples month – the committee is looking for help for this project.
- ❖ Crane project – we may be up to 500 cranes. Fr. Nick suggested putting them on the giving tree as a display for the church. The committee thought to suspend them in the church. Troy and Emily have folded plenty of cranes.
- ❖ The Asian American Pacific Islander mini-conference is November 5.
- ❖ Brian & Kate attended a meeting on Reparations to descendants of African-American slaves. One of the suggestions is to provide money to enable identified or self-identified descendants to buy a home.
- ❖ Ceasefire walks continue

Centennial Committee – Fr. Nick

- ❖ All of our normal annual events will be dubbed centennial.
- ❖ Bishop Barber will celebrate our centennial closing Mass on July 23 at noon (instead of 11:30).
- ❖ Possible additional events include:
 - Alaskan Cruise
 - Gala
 - Oral History from long time parishioners
- ❖ Possible parish projects may include:

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

- Lift from parish hall level, to parking lot and parking lot to church
- Redo of bathroom in Parish to make is ADA compliant
- Reconciliation chapel
- ❖ Mary Magdalen Festival
 - Good to have two women giving talk and reflections at Mass. People were very impressed with both.
 - Fr. Nick pointed out that for this event to continue that it has to have an organizer other than Norah and himself. Ceara pointed out that it needs a personal ask and possibly talking to new parishioners, possibly a table at the picnic to engage people or PPC members walk around with badges on at the picnic.

New Business

- Nominations for new parish pastoral council members began last weekend. Thus far we have received two nominations. They are Gina Ramos-Campbell and Catie Cariaga-Nakamura. Norah pointed out that we need some male nominations. The council offered: Andy or Jason Pinost, Mike Rice, Kris Odyniec, Jon Baumgartner. Brian will contact Mike Rice.
- Parish/School Picnic – Sign-ups for the picnic have commenced. What can we do in increase communication about the picnic. Ceara suggested putting one of the banners on the fence between the church and the school.
- Convent lease – DSPT came to the parish to request if they could use the convent to house students. One of their apartment buildings had been condemned and they need housing quickly. They are looking a two-year lease. If all works out well the lease will be signed by August 11. Students will go through a background screening and be required to do Virtus safe environment training.
- The 9:30AM outdoor mass – Fr. Nick recently made an appeal to the Mass participants regarding set-up for the Mass. People were to contact Heather S if they were available. Heather would then be able to set-up teams, if there are enough, teams would only have to set up once per month. Wendy McWilliams is willing to learn Heather’s role soon that Heather does not have to be at every Mass. Fr. Nick raised the question about the Mass going on indefinitely. Ceara noted it will begin to get cold soon. Fr. Nick responded that we got through most of last season outside. Ceara then raised the reminder that 8th graders may possibly be involved and be rewarded with a free donut.
- The Eunice Jackson event was presented. Debbie Dineen suggested a plaque be placed in the Dominican Garden on behalf of Eunice Jackson and suggested that we have a dedication of the plaque and a small reception. About 50 people have signed up. The Jackson family are bringing about 15 people. And one of the graduated Madeleine classes may be in attendance as well.

Update/Wrap up - Fr. Nick

Fr. Nick asked if anyone had seen the artwork on the fence. He was disappointed with the size of the banners. The current banners are about contemporary Catholic artists and the brain child of he and Mary Ernst. The artists are Andy Warhol, Sr. Corita Kent (had to find contemporary female artists), Henri Matisse, and Salvador Dali.

Maria Martinez offered the closing prayer.

Adjourned at 8:04