

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF MEETING 3-21-2024**

Meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

**Present** – Father Joe, Kathryn Moery, John Riordan, Matthew Lee-Own, Michael Griffin, Katie Pomroy (via Zoom), Ray Hufnagel, Jorge Otero, Adam White

**Opening Prayer** – Ray delivered a series of opening prayers on the topics of healing and peace of mind. He noted that in such a tumultuous time in our world today, it is key to remember the healing power of prayer.

**Minutes** – Minutes of the 2-15-2024 PPC meeting were reviewed and approved without correction.

**Announcements**

- **Couples Event: Fr. Joe provided an update on the status of the Couples Event**
  - April 13<sup>th</sup> is the date for the event and invitations have been sent out via email.
  - Fr. Fontana will give a talk on relationships to the couples
  - Mass at Noon

**Book Discussion [15 mins]** – Discussion was opened into Chapters 15, 16 & 17 of *Divine Renovation: Beyond the Parish*.

- Michael began the discussion talking about the importance of fostering “culture” within the Parish. Highlighting events such as the Lenten Fish Fry which help to bring people together and build that culture. Michael went on to note that Parishes with attached schools are able to facilitate that sort of culture very easily as the whole family / community can get involved at multiple levels.
- Matthew commented that Fr. Mallon talks about the importance of ministry leaders taking ownership of their respective areas. Rather than simply “doing a favor for Father”, ministry leaders need to be engaged in the development of their various ministries
- Kathryn discussed Fr. Mallon’s section on leadership summits and proposed that a ministry get-together with the leaders of various ministries be put forth.
- Jorge discussed the importance of signage in letting the public know what is going on at Church, particularly those who might just be passing by and are waiting for the invitation to get involved.

- John discussed the Alpha program's assistance in outreach to general public.

### **Old Business [20 minutes]**

- **Hallow App – Katie Pomroy**
  - Katie provided an update on the status of the Hallow App
    - New set of parish opportunities will be available post Easter season.
    - “How to Pray” challenge is upcoming starting on June 10<sup>th</sup>
    - Katie is continuing to investigate methods to register the Parish for the Hallow app for a period of time. The 1-year program does not seem to be available at the time of this meeting's discussion.
- **Ministry Renewal Project**
  - Kathryn suggested that a subcommittee be formed to handle receiving emails directed to the PPC including nominations.
    - Matthew volunteered for the PPC Email committee
    - Will create a QR code for the suggestion box and one to link to the PPC nomination form
  - Jorge volunteered for the Hospitality Committee
- **Matthew designated to receive PPC Email and forward to appropriate parties for responses, as needed.**
- **Creation of a standing committee for Communications & Media**
  - The standing committee will work on adding media to the website and potentially upgrading the website
- **Hospitality and Special Events Committee leads to be added to website Directory**
- **PPC Suggestion Box Feedback was Reviewed: the following comments were discussed**
  - “Keep up the great work”
  - Suggest adding statue of St. Francis to statuary
  - Desire for more Adoration hours / opportunities
- **PPC Nominations and Discernment Events**
  - **Schedule of Events for the PPC Nomination process discussed:**
    - April 21<sup>st</sup> - PPC members will read the Recruitment speech read at all Masses

- April 28<sup>th</sup> – PPC members will be at the back of Church to answer questions and give testimonials about their experiences on the PPC
  - May 5<sup>th</sup> – PPC members will host Hospitality Sunday and make final appeal for nominations
  - May 8<sup>th</sup> and May 14<sup>th</sup> – Nights of Discernment via Zoom
- Suggestion made to create a little fact card that discusses the items the PPC accomplished over the last year to give parishioners an idea of what the PPC does.
- **Discussion was opened into the Synod on Synodality**
  - Fr. Joe gave an introduction to what the Archdiocese asked the parishes to do regarding providing additional feedback on the Synod on Synodality. PPC members reflected and shared thoughts on how synodality can be applied to the Assumption Parish.
- **Fr. Joe discussed whether to continue livestreaming the Sunday Mass. Fr. Joe indicated that for the time being the livestreaming will continue. Additional volunteers are needed to learn how to operate the equipment.**

#### **New Business [5 minutes]**

- **Ministry “Thank You” Reception**
  - Matthew suggested idea to have a meeting of all ministry heads and/ or a meeting of all Parishioners currently serving in a parish ministry to function as sort of a meet & greet / thank-you celebration.
  - Suggest that this event take place around July / August – tabled for further discussion
- **Adoration Opportunities**
  - Jorge brought up that there was interest from some young adults from St. John Cantius in having some Adoration opportunities at the Assumption.
  - Discussion tabled and to be added to April agenda.

**Closing Prayer** – Father Joe delivered the closing prayer.