

## **Meet and Greet/ Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting-Date 8/17/2023**

In attendance: New Members: Bob Chaplin, Kimber Zappia, Bethsy San Millan. Rob Dills (Rolling off as Chair), Fr. Paul Buchanan, Deacon James (visiting Guest), Robert Rodite, Peter Barthelemy, Chris DeRego, Brittany MacAlester, Thomas Sims, Catherine Hefner, Cam Tracy, Adriana Echeverri, Rose Williams.  
Unable to attend: Charlie Scott (new member), Jon Hamilton

**Introduction of PPC members**-Each member delivered a brief verbal introduction.

**Father Begins meeting:** Father thanks all members new and old for participating in Parish Pastoral Council.

Father delivers expectations of council breaking it down into 3 elements. 1.) Participate in parish life and events (i.e. attending mass, services, participating in social gatherings). Emphasizing the importance of this is to bring to him ideas/concerns from parish members. Being the “voice eyes/ears” of Parish. 2.) Participate in meetings of PPC-Emphasizing importance to assist in his discernment on some vital subject matters. Encourages the PPC is an arena of open & honest deliberations. 3.) Pray for the parish. Emphasizing this is the most Important part.

Rob D. added importance of being visible, encouraging engagement and self-introductions to encourage open conversation. He then opened the floor for any questions regarding concerns of Council.

Kimber Z. suggested that perhaps would be nice to have Council Members better known/introduce to the church for more awareness to allow open conversation. Father suggested Pastoral directory as an upcoming option (see below). Some discussion of needed resolution for this matter will be a for further discussion in Council, as no resolution of this subject matter has yet been fully implemented. Thomas S. suggested that the introduction during Mass (in the past, Father announced members of PPC to stand after/before mass) allowed for recognition and much social interactions with parish members. Peter B. and Catherine H. suggested perhaps routine calendar use of this measure. TBD.

Rob D. mentioned to be sure to read the PPC bylaws, and review Excel sheet of rotational Prayer list for meetings to sent via e-mail from Chair. Names e-mails and phone numbers had been included to members in prior email. Reviewed process of PPC meetings- Summary: An agenda to be sent before each meeting via Chair. If something is needed on agenda, must reach out in ample time before meeting to be included for discussion. PPC meets on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs of every month (except July and December). Minutes to be sent out afterwards for approval of Council then sent to Director of Communications.

### **Orders of business:**

#### **1. Elections of new officers**-Electing for Chair and Vice Chair.

Motion opened for elections: Catherine H. first, Kimber Z. seconded

-Chair nominations included Chris D. via Catherine H. He accepted the nomination. Thomas S. Declined nomination.

-Vice chair nominations included: Peter B., Jon H. via Rob R., & Brittany M. (Jon was not present but had been previously discussed w/Rob). Rob R. and Catherin H. declined nomination

-a written ballot was performed, verified, counted via Fr. Paul and Rob D.

**-Chris DeRego is welcomed as new Chair of PPC for 2023 and term**

**-Peter Barthelemy is welcomed as Co-chair of PPC for 2023 and term**

-Rose Williams Continues as Council Secretary for her remaining year on council (defaulted mid-year when prior PPC secretary moved)

-Motion made to close elections: Catherine first, Thomas S. seconded

### **Points of Discussion/Fr. Paul**

**1. New positions developed for church.** Father reconfigured some roles:

-Position of Director of Communications is Debbie Seeger (Duties: messaging for social media/bulletin/mailings). The “face of the parish” (i.e. greeting new members/people).

-Office hour changes: Open Mon thru Thursdays 8:30 AM to 4:40 PM

- Position of Director of Family and Youth Discipleship is Anthony Beauregard (Duties: The Oversee of youth groups and family faith formation).

**2. Trunk-or -Treat:** Father Paul asks for council discernment regarding trunk-or-treat proposal from Belmont Abby College to have the next event over at Belmont Abby. College students wish involvement. This would be off campus, so he inquired w/ members as to thoughts. Discussions from council included, suggestions that it may promote good space for parking and an opening network. Other members suggested encouragement of the venue’s proximity and expressed positivity with the idea of the younger children having exposure to older, catholic college young men/women. Father mentioned it would take place the weekend before Halloween and the venue is open to a Friday, Sat or Sunday event date. Members expressed approval of the idea and especially the concept of a Friday event to allow more participation. Marketing this event was discussed and it was thought perhaps to see if any marketing College student could be encouraged to assist. TBD.

**3. Pictorial Directory for Queen of Apostles Church:** Father suggested a new/updated Pictorial Directory for QOA and parish members. This would be a nice bound book photo book of families and individuals of QOA. Time frame expressed to start was January 2024 or later date. Council members mentioned marketing sensitivity towards single individuals and ways to be encouraged to photo for the directory. Ideas included group photos or ministry photos. Directory idea well received by all and Father. Date of start and included book specifics TBD.

Closing prayer-Adriana E.

Next PPC meeting scheduled Sept 21<sup>st</sup> Thurs. 2023.

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\*\*PPC Reviewed and approved minutes 8/23/2023