

May 2021 Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Present: Father Paul, Lawton Blandford, Julie Andrews, Colleen Sutton, Jordan D'Amato, Robert Dills, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Catherine Glisson, Jon Hamilton, Scott Phillips, John Russell, and Rose Williams.

Absent: Clare Charzewski, Robbie Doran, Matt Gibbon, Maggie Helton, and Juan Saiz

1. Opening Prayer – Lawton Blandford

2. Minutes - Colleen Sutton

March 2021 minutes were reviewed, and the minutes were approved.

3. Self-Introduction of new PPC Members.

- The new members (Jordan D'Amato, Catherine Glisson, John Hamilton, and Rose Williams) took turns introducing themselves to the council. They each gave a summary of how long they have been with the parish, marital status, family, interest, prior ministry involvement and then why they wanted to serve on the council.
- They were welcomed with open arms by current members, and all are ready to get down to work.

4. Evaluation of Lenten Programs – All

- **Reconciliation & Adoration**
Father Paul stated he was well pleased with the attendance of both events and that Reconciliation was especially busy. Great news.
- **A Journey of Healing with Christ**
Tom Calabro and Chrissy Glisson put on an excellent program that was very well received and inspirational.
- **Easter Meal Kits**
There was fewer request than during Christmas and the extra food items were donated. Easter Meal Kits provided 133. There were 83 requests for meals (including one organization that requested 30).

5. Evaluation of Triduum Liturgies – All

- **Holy Thursday**
- **Good Friday**
- **Easter Vigil**
- **Easter Sunday**

Comments from council members that were able to attend all Liturgies or even just a couple stated the following: the church looked amazing, the flowers were beautiful, the liturgy for Good Friday was simple but to the point, everything was timely and on schedule, parishioners were super happy to be able to attend Mass in person, seating went well, no one had to be turned away and Father Paul's chanting of the Exsultet at the Vigil was both amazing and beautiful.

6. Discernment of new PPC Leadership-Father Paul

Members were asked to nominate either themselves or another member for each leadership position open. Those that accepted their nomination were then voted on and the following member will be serving for the next 2 years as the PPC Leadership Team:

Chairperson: Robert Dills
Vice Chairperson: Julie Andrews
Secretary: Jordan D'Amato

Congratulations to our Officers!

7. Father Paul's Report – Father Paul

- Starting the weekend of May 22 and 23rd the lifting of COVID 19 Restrictions will begin. Mask restrictions will be lifted but for those parishioners still wishing to wear a mask or social distance, the church will have the outside pews available. The center pews are open to all others.
- Hymnals will be back in the pews starting the same weekend the COVID Restrictions will be lifted.
- One of the goals Father Paul would like to see the council help with is ramping back up the ministries that have been on hiatus during the pandemic. Maybe look at forming small committees to help investigate how to get these ministries back into motion.
- Vacation Bible School will still be virtual and there have been several families sign up to attend.
- Summer Faith Formation will be in person.

- Would like to be able to have a fall celebration of the reopening of the church and be able to finally have Father Paul's Order of Installation to Queen of The Apostles by the Bishop.

8. Roundtable Discussion – All

- Robbie Dills will have a draft of the new Council bylaws and procedures by June's meeting. Copies will be distributed to all members for review and discussion.
- John Russell, as a parent of a Senior, mentioned how happy he was that the parish will be having a Baccalaureate Service for our graduates on Friday, May 21st.
- Lawton wants us to see if we can remove posts outside parking lot (4 white posts).

Ministry Fair:

- We had 72 active ministries before Covid pandemic.
- In the past, we have held a ministry weekend over Pentecost (popcorn/sno cones).
- During Pentecost Mass, we also had someone process with each ministry's banner.
- Need to reach out to Mary Jo for ministry list and contact info of ministry leader.
- Plan to discuss in more detail during June Meeting.
- Possibility of September event with online option for those not comfortable being in person.
- Discussed timeline of when security and traffic ministries need to come back. Jon mentioned that Walt had hip surgery, so we need to get other volunteers to step up for traffic.
- Increase attendance to Mass will increase need for ushers.
- Will need to retrain altar servers.

Landscaping/Church Beautification

- Scott Philips has gotten involved with a landscaping plan. He knows a parishioner that has created a larger landscape architect design. In dialogue about how to implement and how to pay for it (\$50-\$100k).
- Knight of Columbus has offered to help.
- 3–5-year implementation plan.
- Jon suggested creating a drawing plan to show people what it will look like.
- The plans of the new church seemed to inspire more donations.
- Ideas that we could do a fundraiser of donating flower beds/tree in honor or memory of family/friends/etc.
- Jerry asked what the spring fundraiser proceeds would go towards.

- Father said stained glass was an option, but that we could do an overall beautification to include stained glass, landscaping, flowers, etc.
 - Discussed idea to host a themed event to fundraise.
 - Derby/garden party discussed, but event is normally in February, so might not be the best weather.
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- **Closing Prayer – Colleen Sutton**