

## October 2021 Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

**Present:** Father Paul, Clare Charzewski, Jordan D'Amato, Robert Dills (phone), Robbie Doran, Theresa Eze, Catherine Glisson, Scott Phillips, John Russell (phone), Juan Saiz, and Rose Williams.

**Absent:** Julie Andrews, Jerry Gardner, Jon Hamilton

### 1. **Opening Prayer – Jordan D'Amato**

### 2. **Minutes – Jordan D'Amato**

- a. September 2021 minutes were reviewed and the minutes were approved.

### 3. **Father Paul's Report – Father Paul**

- a. Fr. Paul met with Fr. Jose to build bridge between communities. Dinner at Juan's went well.
- b. Fr. Paul has been attending youth group this year. He has decided to pause the middle school group and revisit the model. Program will be rebuilt and then relaunched. High school is still being looked at before we decide on whether to pause or not.
- c. Reviewed active data and individual donors. Decrease in donors over the past 2 years (~200).
  - i. Need to focus on evangelizing to the people who don't have a church at all. He asked the council to discern this.
  - ii. Shared '7 Principles for Parish Evangelization' document and asked council to read through the first principle before our next meeting and answer questions at the end of the reading. We will review 1 principle at each meeting until summer.

### 4. **Parish Ministry Outreach Updates – All**

- a. Review of ministries contact progress and any updates
- b. Jordan
  - i. Cookie Ministry- About 80 names on committee, with 10-12 people baking. Slowed due to Covid, but helping with funeral receptions.
  - ii. Kid Zone- Paused due to pandemic. Posted for new staff members and didn't get any applicants. Will revisit in the spring.
  - iii. Online Prayer- 30-40 ministers. Doing well.
- c. Catherine spoke to Chrissy on Liturgical ministries led by Chrissy.
  - i. These are currently active to due returning to in person mass and participation. If they need anything, she'll reach out.
- d. Clare spoke to Debbie on Faith Formation.
  - i. RCIC – Prepping kids for baptism. Clare and Debbie do this together. Usually have 5-10 kids each year.
  - ii. Sacrament –Just held Reconciliation workshops - did 2 this year and they went well.
  - iii. Adult FF - Just for Ladies/Men - All doing well.
- e. Scott provided a Gardening update
  - i. Good support, very active, but small group. Everyone is above 68 years old. Would like to expand group. Scott will look at speaking at church, announcements, etc.

- ii. Monica Hoehne is here 3-4 times a week. Need to get her support.
- f. Robbie
  - i. The older Girl Scouts will be helping with Trunk or Treat.
  - ii. Younger girls are doing well. They are working towards their Bronze award, where they want to partner with Katherine's House to redo a family room. Will be fundraising for this.
    - 1. Robbie mentioned she is thankful for the church's support of purchasing the badges.
  - iii. Mom's Meeting - Robbie went to first meeting and it was just her and Debbie. Robbie said people may have a misconception on this group. It's not about volunteer hours, but it's your hour with God.
- g. Theresa spoke to Marilyn Warmington about Rosary Makers.
  - i. They would like our help in promoting. She has 8 regulars, but has lost many helpers due to Covid.
  - ii. Suggested Theresa help facilitate bulletin posting and announcement at Mass.
- h. Rose said that Coffee and Donuts is looking at a January return, but the ministry has lost volunteers due to Covid.
- i. Rob is waiting on his updates. Will look to share next meeting.
- j. Discussion of wanting to host Ministry Fair... Fr. Paul will talk to Chrissy on possible dates.

**5. Landscaping Committee Update – Scott Phillips**

- a. Phase 1 is complete! Had a tremendous turnout both weekends.
- b. Started with Phase 2 (wasn't planned until next fall), but had extra time during first weekend.
- c. Rest of Phase 2 and Phase 3 planned for Fall 2022.
- d. Father expressed his appreciation.

**6. Groundskeeping Ministry Discernment – Scott Phillips**

- a. Scott shared mission statement and advertisement for ministry.
- b. In concert with gardening ministry, Scott asked Father to consider a ministry for specific groundskeeping.
- c. Scott thinks there will be 4 planned events that you would be signed up for - email/text reminder... Fertilizing, seeding, etc.
- d. Scott wants to announce at church. Father approved.
- e. Acts as complement to Roger. He handles the everyday "fix its."
- f. Suggestion to bring in difference ministries. Get Coffee/Donuts together at this.. Bring in Girl/Boy Scouts, youth groups, etc.

**7. General comments, feedback, and proposed topics for discussion for November**

- a. Review and discuss Principle #1
- b. Scott asked to share this feedback from a parishioner (remained anonymous). They would like to receive from Father, but do not feel comfortable that others are receiving on the tongue. We agreed that we are more inclusive for communion now than we have been

- before. We try to offer as many possibilities as we can, but it isn't fair to ask those who do want to receive a certain way not to.
- c. Discuss Christmas ministry and services. We will have more normal experience this year. No check ins.
  - d. Scott mentioned the February Marti Gras fundraiser and encouraged people to promote it and get excited for the event.

**8. Closing prayer – Clare Charzewski**