

June 2021 Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Present: Father Paul, Clare Charzewski, Jordan D’Amato, Robert Dills, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Catherine Glisson (phone), Jon Hamilton, Scott Phillips, John Russell, and Rose Williams.

Absent: Julie Andrews, Robbie Doran, Juan Saiz

I. Opening prayer - Scott Phillips

II. Corrections and approval of May minutes - Jordan D’Amato

- May 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.
- Going forward, Jordan will send one attachment out for review before future meetings.
 - No one had a preference if this is through Word or PDF.

III. FAB Annual Fundraiser presented by Melissa Gardner and Stacey Phillips

- Melissa and Stacey ran this for the past 5 years at the St. Michael’s school.
- Date currently schedule for QofA: Feb 26, 2022
- Venue: Gastonia Conference Center
- In the past, event brings in \$50,000.
- Different themes in the past at the school. This year’s theme is Mardi Gras.
- 6 hour event (6 pm – 12am)
 - First 2 hours - 3 silent auction tables, open bar, games (raffles, etc)
 - By 8 pm, silent auctions done, open bar becomes cash bar, people are seated. Served meals begin. 10 large packages to live auction.
 - In the middle, they stop twice to announce game winners and silent auction winners.
 - 9:30/10 done with event. Rest of night is a party/ dance floor/DJ/casino games (funny money).
- Chef has worked with them in the past. Conference Center allows him to cook even though he’s not a member. Brings 5 professional servers.
- Schools did art projects per grade. We would engage Faith Formation and Youth Group to have them create something to include.
- Fund-a-Need : Very specific need (ex. school did playground, STEM lab)
 - Hope to get \$15k-20k to complete project fundraiser
 - Everyone who bids gets recognition in project
 - Recognition could be as simple as Mardi Gras beads... Plus plaque or something.
- Tuesday meeting to bring others into committee. Need help getting items donated/sponsorship.
- Could do parking spots, pews reserved at Easter/Christmas, name a “street sign”, dinner hosted by Father, parishioners donating skills/services/vacation homes,
- Liz Abernathy has list of golf championship sponsorships

IV. By-law: Q&A and approval process

Motion to approve carried, with minor revisions provided in meeting.

- Action → Rob will make revisions and send updated version.

V. Fr. Paul's updates and topics for discussion

- Deacon Darren (here for the summer, ordained 10 days ago)
 - Naval officer going into Navy after a few years with the Diocese.
- Shifting day and time for Catechesis
 - Move to Wednesday 6:00 PM for kids
 - Change would enable program for adults
 - Symbol On (Catholicism 101) led by Father Paul
 - Drop in/out style if you can't come to all of them
 - Everyone would be on this campus
 - Discussion that Wednesdays are frequently reserved for church, youth, etc. so we shouldn't have issues with school/sports conflicts.
 - Change Wed daily Mass to 5 PM (from 9 AM)
 - Would start August.
 - Father's day off would change from Thursday to Tuesday.
- Campus Security and cameras in church and office area
 - Father collected input from PPC
 - Could be good Fund-A-Need for February Fundraiser.
 - PPC agreed this would be good for safety for staff, parish with lots of kids, etc.
 - Better to be proactive, than reactive.
 - Deacon suggested Father or staff having an app to monitor deliveries, etc.

VI. A review of Parish Ministries and call to support

- Review of listed ministries
- How to best encourage revitalization as Covid restrictions have been lifted
- Discuss proposed council member alignments
 - Robbie asked Father what his priority on which ministries to restart.
 - Liturgy Programs
 - Getting Sunday ministries back up and running.
 - Hospitality, ushers, EMs, altar servers, readers.
 - Youth Programs
 - Phase 1: Liturgy and Youth Programs
 - Action → Rose (Counters and Readers), Catherine (Chrissy), John (hospitality), and Jon (Traffic) are contacting liturgical ministries and youth programs with the plan to have tables at first Coffee & Donuts in July.
 - Action → Volunteer to help organize Sign ups, meet & greet, etc.
 - Action → Fr. Paul will announce the week before that this will be happening...
 - Phase 2: Remaining Ministries
- Scott said there are a lot that are no longer active or discontinued. Need time to go through and review.
- Next steps: each of us will take 3-5 ministries (if we are closely tied, great).

- Ministry would then have a contact person on the council for needs/representation. More individual attention.
- Action → Jordan will put together Google Doc for people to sign up.
 - Categorize by themed list on website.
 - Robbie will send Excel list to Jordan.
- Action → Clare with talk to Dave Charzewski about which ministries received budget funds this year.
- Feedback: Therese said it didn't work well to do Coffee & Donuts in the church alcove
 - Timing didn't work, traffic jam of people coming in vs coming out of Mass.
 - Proposed bringing it back into MAC Center.

VII. Landscaping Committee Update - Scott Phillips

- Monica Hoehne has been assisting with putting together a landscaping plan, but works by herself... Need to put together maintenance ministry.
- Small plan for adding shrubbery between buildings (MAC and sanctuary).
- KoC gave \$2,000 to add shrubbery between offices.
- We need to remove weeds, add irrigation, plant trees/shrubbery on property, hide fence, etc.
- There is a plan to add benches, fire pit, and gazebo to the property.
- Scott mentioned they are considering bringing in a landscape architecture to help design.
 - Could be from \$10-15k to \$50-60k.
- Scott will come back with solutions and proposals.
- February Fundraiser Fund-A-Need possibility.

VIII. Group Outings

a. Parish Outing Question – Jon Hamilton

- QOA night at Gaston Grizzlies in the past, but with that team disbanded, Jon asked if we will be doing something with the Honey Hunters.
- Action → Jon will look into fundraiser packages like the Grizzlies offered.

b. PPC Outing Opportunity - Rob Dills

- Discovery Place – featuring projection of Sistine Chapel.
- Interested members asked to e-mail Robbie.

IX. Proposed topics for discussion for the August meeting

- Pastoral Council visibility among church
- Comprehensive review of Youth Group (Catherine)
- Asked to include next week's opening and closing prayer leaders for next meeting on minutes.
 - 8/19 Opening: Juan Saiz
 - 8/19 Closing: Rose Williams

X. Closing prayer - John Russel