



Pastoral Council Minutes

Date: 11/29/2022, 7:00PM

Attendance:

Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Delynn Alexander		Robert McKinney	x	Steve Vebber	x
Msgr. Michael Clay		Shailesh Maingi		Mae Villanueva	x
Anna Fowler		Mary Makhlof	x	Gladys Whitehouse	x
Fr. Alex Gonzalez	x	Benjamin Pappas	x	Mike Wrzesien	x
Tricia Henry	x	Kathy Sales	x		
Jacob House	x	Cathy Smith	x		

AGENDA:

Location: [Zoom](#) and Anthony Conference Room

Presider: Fr. Michael Facilitator: Jacob Recorder: Cathy

1. Opening Prayer
2. Approval of [Minutes](#)
3. General Updates - None
4. Old Business
 - a. Discuss and progress open action items from last meeting, including where we are on the livestream survey
 - b. Discuss and prepare a recommendation on new synodal listening sessions for youth, young adults, and seniors
 - c. Brainstorm ideas to motivate participation or at least pique curiosity about the process of synodality among disengaged parishioners
5. New Business - None
6. Close
 - a. Next PC Meetings: Jan 17, Mar 7, Apr 18, Jun 6
 - b. Closing Prayer

Minutes

1. Opening Prayer – Synod Prayer led by Jacob.
2. Approval of [Minutes](#) - Minutes were approved.
3. Old Business
 - a. Discuss and progress open action items from last meeting, including where we are on the livestream survey
 - i. Nothing significant to report on livestream survey
 - b. Discuss and prepare a recommendation on new synodal listening sessions for youth, young adults, and seniors. Background:
 - i. Many are watching the outcome from the meeting of the German bishops with the Vatican. The German bishops are making a case for progressive change in the Church.
 - ii. Discerning Deacons and the celebration of the Feast of Phoebe is celebrating the role of women in the Church. There are weekly synod sessions where women are sharing thoughts. Gladys's session "Silent No More – Women and Their Role in the Church" promotes synodality, sharing of ideas.

- iii. The Franciscan Convocation connected the past and the future and helped those still grieving. Though some are still stuck in grieving.
 - c. Brainstorm ideas to motivate participation or at least pique curiosity about the process of synodality among disengaged parishioners
 - i. For youth and young adult, need relevance and an easy way to engage.
 - ii. Seniors feel there is a lot of focus on youth and they are getting lost. One problem is accessibility to this campus.
 - 1. Msgr wants to pursue accessibility.
 - 2. Hospitality or Parking Lot Ministry: We have wheelchairs. KofC can provide manpower. Issue is how do we know who needs help when.
 - 3. How do we get info from seniors? Post covid they are not at Mass. Use letters, phone calls. Go to where they are. Go to the 55+ group meetings.
 - 4. Need to know what to ask: What can be done to remove barriers? What is most effective way to communicate? How can we help you participate in Mass or church activities?
 - 5. Need to consider needs of all ages, not just seniors.
 - iii. Leverage social media, our Instagram page. Use short videos, optimize social media.
 - iv. Split up the key points from our synod document to create short videos. Especially focus on the points from our parish document that resonated in the USCCB National Synthesis Synod document.
 - 1. Need to define topics
 - 2. Need to create material for videos
 - v. **NOTE:** SFA website is being reworked and will launch in January. Next to be done will be Facebook page and Instagram. Being led by Jenny Hammond. Focus of social platforms is evangelization and catechesis.
 - 1. Any of our social media efforts to communicate synod topics will need to coordinate with this current work.
 - d. Communicating
 - i. We need to communicate what was heard in the synod sessions and what we are doing with the input.
 - ii. Several actions have already been taken, like updating our website and social media sites.
 - iii. Need a communication plan. What, how, when to communicate.
 - iv. Connect the dots between outcomes from listening and actions. Drive engagement.
 - v. Tie synod findings and actions into homilies. Tie into Pastor comments in bulletin.
 - vi. Can the Synod team get time at Mass? Would need clear and concise message.
 - vii. Homebound Eucharistic ministry – can they communicate with the homebound?
 - viii. Livestream will continue ongoing for the present time.
4. Close
 - a. Need to meet again before Jan 17 meeting. **Action: Jacob will send doodle poll.**
 - b. Next PC Meetings: Jan 17, Mar 7, Apr 18, Jun 6
 - c. Closing Prayer: Gladys