



Pastoral Council Minutes

Date: May 5, 2025 7:00PM

Attendance:

Member	Present	Member	Present	Member	Present
Anna Fowler		Michelle Kaiser	x	Tina Subasic	x
Ferrel Guillory		Mike Wrzesien	x	Will Lundrigan	x
Heather Curran	x	Quyen Le		Steve Vebber	x
Jacob House	x	Robert McKinney	x	Fr. James Singarayar	x
Mae Villanueva	x	Sawyer Lisk	x	Fr. Chris Koehn	x
Marie Bagin	x	Shailesh Maingi	x		

AGENDA:

Location: Zoom and Anthony Conference Room

Presider: Fr. Chris Facilitator: Jacob/Mae Secretary: Heather

1. **Opening Prayer** – Michelle
2. **Approval of Minutes** – 5 minutes
 - a. Motion to approve Shailesh Maingi
 - b. Second motion to approve Tina Subasic
 - c. Approved unanimously by the council as submitted
3. **General Updates**
 - a. Announcements
 - i. Laudato Si week will be taking place
 - ii. Ministry Fair will be taking place August 23-24
 - b. Staff Updates- Fr. Chris
 - i. Interviews will be taking place for the position of Director of Peace and Justice
 - ii. An administrative staff position is open at this time
 - iii. Advertisement for part time tech ministry position is being prepared
 - iv. Will not be hiring to fill Jay Landry's position of adult formation
 - c. Finance Update -Steve Vebber- See meeting notes [attached here](#)
 - i. School budgets have been approved for next year
 1. TFS has 692 enrolled
 2. Franciscan Preschool has met enrollment
 3. Payroll is 88% of tuition
 4. Diocesan schools do not make money. Need to balance the increasing costs of living for personnel with increasing tuition
 - ii. The Church and Columbarium budgets will be approved at the 6/2 FC meeting
 - iii. There has been an increase in giving from Tip/Tap
 - d. Strategic Plan Update – Mae Villanueva
 - i. Need staff objective team leaders for
 1. Encounter Goal 1/Obj. 1 (adult formation)
 2. Mission Goal 1/Obj. 1 (adult formation),
 3. Mission Goal 1/Obj. 2 (women's leadership)
 - e. Tina Subasic asked regarding staff ownership of OCIA leadership and adult formation. Fr. Chris states that the pastoral staff has a plan for presence within OCIA.
 - f. Tom Costello is a parishioner currently completing the diaconate

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Mass Experience Survey – Mae Villanueva
 - a. Survey is live and running until the end of May
 - b. There are a large number of partial responses due to the inclusion of clicks to the link that never start the actual questions
 - c. Goal would be to get 50% of parishioners
 - d. Demographics section is where people are abandoned
 - e. Waiting to share results until the end
 - f. Marie encouraged the deadline to be publicized to push parishioners to complete
 - g. All members of households may be encouraged to complete the survey

5. New Business

- a. The State of the Parish – Mae
 - i. What are the major joys and struggles of the past year?
 1. Joys
 - a. Increase in youth involvement within our liturgies
 - b. YAC- positivity in regard to youth nights, as well as, the summer programs including Mercy Camp- back to pre COVID enthusiasm as evidenced by waitlist for Mercy Camp participation
 2. Struggles
 - a. Communication regarding service activities. Parishioners uncertain about where to plug in and how
 - b. The removal of a printed bulletin has pushed the onus of accessing information on parishioners and has increased the effort required to get involved.
 - c. It takes more effort than ideal to take the next step easily to get involved
 - d. Hard to think about the parish without thinking about what is going on in the greater world- the need is high now for the church
 - e. How do we bring hope to the hopeless and how do we create order in the chaos?
 - f. There is a feeling of disconnection from the opportunities to serve and the impacts of service
 3. Growth Opportunities
 - a. Hospitality ministry that goes beyond ushers
 - b. Events around the Jubilee Year of Hope
 - c. Increased retreat participation
 - ii. What does it mean to be Franciscan?
 1. Some ideas to consider
 - a. Identity & Charism
 - b. Spirituality & Simplicity
 - c. Service & Solidarity
 - d. Care for Creation
 - e. Peacemaking & Reconciliation

6. Questions for Fr. Chris

7. Fr. Chris's Comments

- a. Fr. Chris has offered to host a dinner to celebrate the Deacons that graduated and were never celebrated during COVID
 - b. Excited about the parish council
- 8. Close**
- a. Agree Actions and Owners – 5 minutes
 - a. Identify Strategic Plan Objective team leaders – Fr. Chris
 - b. Encourage survey participation including all members of households high school age and up- Each council member
 - c. Ensure survey deadline is publicized- Mae
 - b. Closing Prayer

Next PC Meetings: June 9