

PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

JUNE 11, 2022

FINAL

ATTENDEES: Michelle Serafin (Chair), Sean Matthews (Vice Chair), Father Rozman, Father Roth, Gary Scicchitano, Dave Sheranko, Mary Vukelich, Ginny Stack, Marlene Steinour, Tony Devlin, Bob Flaherty, David Schmidt, Terri Rosenstein

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: Rose Baker, Rudy Geisler

NON -VOTING MEMBER: Current Recording Secretary, Diane Maclay

GUEST IN ATTENDANCE: Seminarian Drew Tanguay

CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING PRAYERS/READINGS: Michelle Serafin called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. Michelle welcomed Seminarian Drew Tanguay to the meeting. Drew provided some background information about himself. Drew will be spending the summer at St. Joseph's where in addition to his involvement with parish services and activities, he will also be doing sign language at mass and will assist with programs for the deaf community.

Terri Rosenstein led the opening prayers with the verse, John 15:16. With the assistance of Ginny Stack and Tony Devlin, members recited the intercessions and the reflection, *Do Not Lose Heart*. Personal intentions were offered, and reflections of these prayers were shared with the group. Opening prayers concluded with the recitation of the *Hail Mary*.

REVIEW OF ACTION ITEMS FROM FEBRUARY MEETING:

All action items from the April meeting were either completed, are in progress, or on today's agenda.

Rudy provided an update after the meeting about the lack of lighting along the walkway from Brindle Hall to the front of the church. The church has purchased a light that will be mounted on the fence to cover this area. It will be installed in the coming weeks.

CLERGY UPDATE

Pentecost Vigil 2022 Review Father Rozman received positive responses about the Pentecost Vigil and plans to make this an annual event. Approximately 70 parishioners from Liturgy Ministries attended the dinner. Because Pentecost 2023 will be Memorial Day weekend, only the 8 PM Vigil mass will be held that Saturday evening. The meal and retreat will be held on Corpus Christi weekend instead. In future years, the retreat will be the same evening as the Vigil when Pentecost is not on Memorial Day Weekend. Father will look for additional ways to communicate this event and plans to rotate the ministries that will be invited to attend the dinner. If the dinner remains in Brindle Hall, the number of invitations must be limited due to size of the facility.

Eucharistic Revival/ FOCCUS Grant received Father Rozman reported that St. Joseph's received a \$1000 focus grant. He will be inviting families to view the series on the Mass by Bishop Barron, Word on Fire website. Additionally he will promote the programs on FORMED, specifically Dr. Brandt Pittre's series on the Eucharist.

Family Ministries: Young Adult Retreat Father Rozman gave a report from Becky Davis concerning the Harrisburg Young Adult Catholic Retreat that was recently held at the Christian Retreat Center. Saint Joseph's was represented with 9 young adults. The theme was One Church, One Family and focused on unity and our place in the body of Christ. Deacon Alex Bogdanoff and Marianne Weltmer were the guest speakers. Father Ken Roth celebrated Mass both days of the retreat and Father Peter Rettig joined for Confession.

Campus Facilities upgrade/renovations Father Rozman has submitted the required Concept Study Request paperwork to the Diocese to get approval to start the discussion toward upgrade and renovation projects at Saint Joseph's Church. This document will permit our parish to begin "town hall" meetings for parishioners to provide input for renovation projects.

Gary Scicchitano asked if the parish is applying for ARPA funds from Cumberland County that are available to non-profit organizations. Father requested that Gary connect with Rudy on this matter.

Parish Respect Life Ministry Father Rozman emphasized that in light of the Supreme Court pending decision, our parish must be ready to assist the Respect Life Ministry and our parish in every possible way. Joel Santolla will provide pamphlets and brochures to Mary Vukelich that have referral agencies that assist mothers in an unexpected or crisis pregnancy. Morning Star offers counseling and assistance to women in need. It was suggested we take this information and place brochures in the book racks of the church and in both the women's and men's bathrooms as well.

Ginny Stack encouraged everyone to take a tour of Morning Star to see the phenomenal work that they do. Mark Rebuck had a representative from Morning Star to speak with the 6-7-8 REP students. The "Theology of the Body" will be a part of the SJS curriculum next year.

Father Rozman emphasized that we need to get the word out that we are a "Pro-life Parish in Every Respect". Parents need to understand that church attendance is essential, and that religious formation is important on all levels. PAC members shared additional resources and information concerning pro-life issues and support. Mary Vukelich encouraged members to get involved with the Respect Life Ministry. The committee meets on the first Wednesday of each month. Deacon Auchey serves as the point person for this ministry.

CHAIRPERSON UPDATE-Michelle

Parish Prayer PAC members reviewed the additional wording to the parish prayer that was suggested by Paul Zabroske. The PAC agreed to make the following changes to the prayer:

to bring Your Church renewal, growth and life in abundance;

(New Line) To bring forgiveness, healing and peace.

Action items: Mary Vukelich will update the prayer on the website and in the narthex. Michelle Serafin will contact Paul about these approved changes to the prayer.

New PAC Members: Michelle officially welcomed Joyce Akujobi and Jason Glogau to the PAC. Their term will begin on July 1. Michelle thanked the selection committee for their hard work both in the interview process as well as designing a procedure that will be used to select future members.

Father Rozman called candidates that were not selected and asked them to serve on the Eucharist Revival and 75th Anniversary ad hoc committees and received positive responses from those people.

Action item: Mary Vukelich will include the names of the new members in the upcoming PAC communication plan article for the bulletin.

Marlene Steinour has agreed to serve as the new PAC Chairperson for the PAC with Sean Matthews agreeing to stay on as Vice-Chairperson.

Action item: Mary Vukelich will update the PAC website with the names of the new members and officers.

2022 PAC meeting dates: The following meeting dates were confirmed: July 2nd, August 6th, September 3rd, October 1st, November 5th and December 3rd.

SYNOD SYMMMARY-Mary

Mary Vukelich distributed copies of the Parish Synodal Synthesis Report from St. Joseph's Church that was sent to the Diocese. The PAC discussed what information it would like to report to the Parish and how to deliver the message clearly. Additionally, after reviewing the comments from the synod, members questioned if there might be topics that the PAC might take under consideration.

In the interest of transparency, members felt that the summary of the comments from synod participants should be included in the report to the parishioners. Communication will consist of two parts. The first page will be a narrative of the findings that were shared under each topic. It will also include what the PAC may be able to implement in the next steps of strategic planning. Readers will then be directed to the attachment if they wish to read the actual comments from participants of the synod.

Action Item: Mary Vukelich will compose and send the first page of the communication to PAC members for their perusal prior to the publication of the synod article in the bulletin and on the website.

PAC's STRATEGIC PLANNING FOCUS MOVING FORWARD

Now that the five-year plan is complete, the following plan was proposed as PAC responsibilities going forward:

1. Define critical success factors
 - a. Look for gaps and/or needs
 - b. Possible topic for the July meeting
2. Monitor the five-year plan execution
 - a. Track progress towards goals
 - b. Monitor relevance, measurement, timing
 - c. Consider what can be reported to the parish
3. Tracking overall how the parish is doing
 - a. Is the parish moving in the right direction?
 - b. What is the breakdown of engaged, unengaged, actively disengaged parishioners?

c. Is it time for a parish survey?

There is a strong desire to have a parish survey on a regular basis. The starting point for planning the next survey would be to refresh the memory from old surveys and collected data and to move ahead using that information as a possible baseline and discussion point for a new survey.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

A grateful thank you was extended to Michelle Serafin and Sean Mathews for their service as Chairperson and Vice- Chairperson and for all their hard work they have done on behalf of the PAC.

As his term has come to an end, Gary Scicchitano received a token of appreciation and a grateful thank you for all the work that he has done for the PAC, especially his initiative for establishing the relationship between St. Joseph and Mother Cabrini churches.

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am. Father Rozman led the members in the recitation of the updated version of the *St. Joseph Parish Prayer*.

Next PAC Meeting Date: July 2, 2022

Upcoming Dates

July 2- SLT Update on 5-year goal, Becky Davis

July 2 or August 6- Suzanne Bruzga, Parish Evangelization Survey

August or September Meeting- REP Update from Mark Rebuck

Topics to be continued at future meetings:

- Catechism – This is Our Faith reading (Mary Vukelich)
- Serving our parishioners without technology
- West Shore Pastor's Study: Budgeting for the needs of all. (2.7% catholic school population versus receiving 30% of income)
- 2 new Ad hoc committee committees-2025 celebration of 75th anniversary of the parish and Eucharistic Revival

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Maclay

"St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus, pray for us".