

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2023

Divine Savior Mission

We the people of Divine Savior Catholic Church, empowered by our baptism, dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Jesus. Inspired by the love, justice and mercy of Christ, we are called to share His message in service so that all may know the Savior.

PPC Mission:

To play a collaborative, supportive, consultative and co-responsible role in service to the pastor, staff and the parish community.

Attendees:

Fr. Octavio, Jen Yearwood, Kathy Bauer, Bob Healy, Lynn Johnson, Paul Landry, Mary Ann Mitchell (Chair), Sue O'Donnell (Secretary), Bill Smith, Nia Welsh, Scot Yearwood

Absent: Fr. Patric, Jan Bencken (Vice-Chair), Joni Borbón, Julie Malmberg, Andie Thesell

Opening Prayer:

Jen Yearwood led the opening prayer and reflection.

Minutes

Minutes of May 25, 2023 were approved.

New PPC Members

Gray, Brenda and Laini accepted the invitation to join the PPC for the upcoming year. Paul suggested that our newest member be considered for a three-year position instead of the two-year position he was appointed to a month ago. This will be considered.

Brainstorming

Reopening the prayer garden: No action at this time.

ADA Ramp suggestion: Staff have moved the flower stand to allow greater access. It was suggested that Eucharistic Ministers come up to the alter by using the ramp.

New PPC Officers: Fr. Octavio is still reviewing the issue of officers and will get back to the council.

Parish Events

- a. Tuesday is the Freedom, Fun and Fathers event. So far we have 75 on-line RSVPs.
- b. There has been a lot of work by staff in the past week on budget, calendaring, etc.
- c. Staff has reviewed whether to do a crab feed. It has been decided that we won't be doing a crab feed event for various reason, e.g., cost of crab, no chef, etc. Staff is considering a dinner/dance event, maybe a tamale sale, 80's themed spaghetti dinner.

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- d. Parish picnic in September is being planned.
- e. October a harvest festival, maybe including a dunk tank.
- f. Ministry fair in the spring.
- g. New parish directory
- h. Fr. Patric, a wine, cheese, etc. event.

Suggestion Program Update

Jan reported that from beginning of April through today:

- One regarded cell phone interruptions and reminding people to turn them off. This is now included as an announcement in the Call to Worships.
- Live screen sign All are welcome, all belong has been added back into the slide set.
- Compliments on Fr. Octavio's homilies and stepping in front of the ambo.
- There was a request to have the English version of the Benediction on the first Friday daily Mass.
- Someone asked to bring back Treasure Fest.
- There was a request to return the Salvatorian art to the vestibule and include plaques.
- It was suggested that the youth of our parish participate in an activity with the residents of a neighboring assisted living center.
- Someone asked that the Prayer Garden be refreshed and opened up to parishioners.
- An old suggestion from November regarding the need for handicapped access to the altar has never been acted on.
- Request that more missalettes be made available in the pews.

Action items:

1. No action items at this time.

Priest Updates: Monitor in Vestibule

This will happen very soon. Only one will be installed. It will be placed in the middle wall space in the middle door set. Still looking at maybe having one in the office, but that one is less likely. We may project the Mass on this screen so parents of small children might want to go into the vestibule with a "noisy" child and still be present at Mass.

Priest Updates: Adoration

We have adoration every first Friday. It will start every Friday beginning in July – on July 21 following 9:30 Mass.

Closing Prayer:

Fr. Octavio led the closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Our next meeting will be August 24 at 6:30 pm in Y1. There is no July meeting.