

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of  
St. Joseph of Cupertino Parish Advisory Council  
June 1, 2023**

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Judith Karunanayake	Laura Lo	Henry Pavy
Maureen Pavy	Martin Pytel	

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ishani Fernando	Karen Lee	Sam Morris
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**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Father Michael Syjueco	Janice LaMotte	Father Mendie Nguyen
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Father Anthony Nguyen

**A. Preliminaries**

- The regular meeting of the advisory council was held remotely at the above date and time.
- Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.
- Opening Prayer: Fr. Mendie
- *Action Items:* Action items are *italicized* in the PAC Minutes.

**B. Open Forum**

- None this month.

**C. May 2023 PAC Minutes**

Two minor changes were noted. Martin moved to adopt the minutes with the modifications and Laura seconded. The motion to adopt the minutes was approved.

**D. Meeting Topics:**

- Council Member Succession
  - One potential candidate declined. Another one is still considering; Janice to follow up.
- Young Adult Group
  - Leaders of the group have decided to stop trying to celebrate Mass as a group. The young adults will attend Mass at their own parishes. The group is still intact and will continue to have other activities together.
  - There are now very few people attending the Sunday 3:00PM Mass and the Tuesday Adoration/Reconciliation. Considering ending both these events.
  - Several people would like to continue having Adoration or other activities like Taize, etc. but less frequently. Possibly once a month on Tuesdays for an hour, rather than weekly for two hours.

- Need to coordinate with the Edge program, which also uses the church on Tuesday nights.
- Adoration will take a break over the summer and try to resume something monthly in the fall.

*AI: Fr. Michael to send a Flocknote message informing the parish that the 3:00 PM Sunday Mass and the Tuesday Adoration/Reconciliation will no longer be held.*

- How to Better Engage Parishioners -- Group brainstorming activity
  - Taize/Adoration – do not need Adoration, but would be good to have that focus with the Eucharistic Revival
  - Tenebrae
  - Adoration/Confession
  - Alpha
  - 40 Weeks/small groups/sharing
  - Catechesis Evening with Priest
  - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd – good program for teaching children, but requires big training commitment
  - Concert – once per year
  - Sing-Alongs
  - Karaoke
  - Janice has a book with many suggestions, including Name tag Sunday, Prayer Partners, etc.
  - More frequent hospitality
  - Marriage enrichment
  - Movie night – Will resume Sunday afternoon movie starting this Sunday with Lilies of the Field
  - Outreach to parishioners/calling
  - Social justice opportunities
  - Advent Family night – dinner, wreath-making, etc. Does not have to be Advent, could do something any time of year.
  - Rosary-making workshop in May
  - Ukrainian Eggs – did this once in the past
  - Big celebration for Pentecost

*AI: Maureen to group the ideas and we will discuss further at next meeting.*

- Ministry Fair Follow-Up
  - Got a few volunteers for liturgical ministries, EM, Lectors, Altar Servers.

## **E. Pastoral Associate Report**

- RCIA is winding down; still meeting until middle of June. Confirmation of adults was last Sunday.
- Had bereavement ministry a couple of weeks ago – people want it to continue. Need to figure out how to make that happen.
- Received a \$1500 grant from the Catholic Foundation for a speaker.
- Considering whether to ask for a fee when we have speakers. Not sure how that will be received. May have to try it to see what happens.

## **F. Pastor's Report**

- Benediction and Adoration was moved from Wednesday to Friday because that day is for Sacred Heart of Jesus. However, school Masses are often on Friday, so Benediction and Adoration must be moved to Wednesday on those occasions. Considering moving it back from

Friday to Wednesday.

*Al: Fr. Michael to check with regular daily Mass attendees.*

- Fr. Gabriel Lee is moving to our parish to replace Fr. Mendie.
- Plastics/Styrofoam will be banned by the city starting in September. Must use compostables for hospitality.
- Janice is retiring at the end of the month! This will be announced this week. There will be a community blessing for her, Fr. Mendie, and Jennifer at the end of the month.
- Diocese is looking at creating parish families. This will allow multiple parishes to share resources. As an example, a youth ministry program could be shared among multiple parishes.
- Still struggling on collections. Gap between actual collection and collection goal is increasing.
- Did well in ADA—not as well as last year, but still exceeded our goal.

Closing Prayer for this meeting: Fr. Michael

Opening Prayer for next meeting: None

Next Meeting Date: August 3, 2023

#### *PAC Objectives*

- *Inspire parishioners to be more involved in putting their faith into action.*
- *PAC members exercise effective leadership in the parish community.*