

MEETING MINUTES: PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING, July 28, 2024

PC Members In attendance: Fr. Kirk Slattery, Fr. Sean O'Connor, Matt Trinca, Alan Wesenberg, Melissa Wesenberg, Linda Popolano, Antonio Garcia, Regina Applegate, Molly Shipp, and Brittany Pacheco.

PC Members absent: Michelle Trinca, Kristine Barber, and Barbara Green

1. Fr. Kirk opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Matt discussed the five-year vision document which he is completing for the August meeting so that it can be shared with the new Pastoral Council at the August meeting. The August meeting will be the final meeting for those whose 3-year terms are concluding and who are not extending their service on the Council.
3. Fr. Kirk provided updates on the following:
 - (a) Parish Picnic – The Picnic went well, although the weather was inclement at the start and many activities had to be moved indoors. There was discussion of having next year's picnic early in August on a Saturday, rather than a Sunday, after 4pm Mass from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Linda will follow up in early 2025 when Fr. Kirk's summer 2025 vacation is scheduled.
 - (b) SGCA Update – Currently, it is planned that the school staff will get the keys to half of the new building on August 9th, for the part of building to be used by grades K thru 8. The preschool wing will not be ready yet at that time, so the three preschool classrooms will be continuing in the church building for a while. When the preschool moves into the school building, the two preschool classrooms near the parish library will convert to daycare. A person to direct the daycare has already been hired, and two more personnel to assist are planned.
 - (c) Shroud Ministry Move - Dr. John Jackson and the Shroud ministry will be moving to space at the Mount St. Francis Retreat Center; the Shroud items in the narthex should be packed up by mid-August.
 - (d) SGCA "Day of Giving" – This is scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, so that people can donate to furniture and other items the school still needs. They are hoping to raise \$50K. Matt asked Linda to send a Flocknote and Melissa to include this information in this week's E-blast. Matt will be sending the link; the website is already functional, for those who want to donate early. The August 6th "Day of Giving" drive will take place from midnight to 8pm on August 6th, when the website will close.
 - (e) Briarfest – Plans are moving along. Certain areas outside the school – the parking lot, the commons area, and the back patio area – will be used for Briarfest this year. The beer tent will be outside the church building, where it was last year. Wine

tasting and the Silent Auction will be inside the church building. Craft vendors and food trucks will be in the lower parking lot.

- (f) Annunciation Statue in Circle – Three new dedication plaques have been added, and more will be added as they fill up.
4. Linda provided updates on Volunteering, including the two new Grief Support groups being added in September, in addition to the English-language general bereavement support group. One will be a similar general bereavement grief support group in Spanish on Friday evenings and the other entitled “When a Loved One Dies by Suicide”, specifically for those who’ve lost a loved one to suicide, on Friday evenings.
 5. Antonio provided updates on the Hispanic community:
 - (a) One suggestion he made, in response to the difficulty office staff sometimes has in getting Hispanic community members to sign up in advance for events that are advertised, for example the Parish Picnic, is to have sign-up tables for these events immediately after the Spanish Mass when these events are included in the after-Mass announcements.
 - (b) Conchas w/donuts after all Masses – Antonio is working with Molly on this, as there is a bakery the Hispanic community has used for the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe that can provide conchas for \$9.60 per dozen. Donuts cost \$8.99 per dozen, so Molly will check with Marc re budget and then proceed to work with Antonio.
 - (c) Long Term Storage – Antonio asked about having long-term (in church or school building) storage for the items and decorations the Hispanic community uses for posadas and other events. Fr. Kirk and Matt both mentioned that storage space is an issue to be addressed for several ministries at the parish, not only the Hispanic ministry.
 6. Matt conducted a short brainstorming session on the 5th item on the five-year vision list, “To provide a welcoming immersion program for new parishioners”. Matt mentioned Christ Renews His Parish (now called “Welcome” and run by Dynamic Catholic), Alpha (more applicable to those newer to the faith), the 99 (which the parish owns but never used, having been purchased by the Evangelization team just prior to COVID), and Revive Parishes (discussed at the Leadership Summit in November 2023 and available link is at bottom of parish website homepage). Fr. Sean asked about what we currently do to help new parishioners feel a sense of belonging. Alan mentioned the annual Newcomer Dinner, and Antonio talked about how ushers actively look for the new people at the Spanish Mass and how they are restarting the Spanish welcome ministry. The English welcome ministry has been running for almost two years now, and is probably most visible at the 10am Mass. Suggestions for expanding welcoming of new

parishioners included having some sort of quarterly or every-other-month tour/orientation for newly registered parishioners.

7. Adoration Chapel resources: Antonio mentioned that the bilingual books for the Adoration Chapel have arrived. Fr. Kirk mentioned he is considering getting some sort of rack for reliquary for additional Adoration resources.

8. New PC Officers after August meeting: At the August 25 meeting, several members whose three-year terms are completed will be stepping off the Council. The new officers beginning with the September 2024 meeting will be:

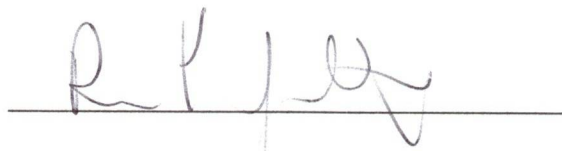
- Council Chairperson: Brittany Pacheco
- Council Co-Chairperson: Molly Shipp
- Recording Secretary: Barbara Green

Antonio will arrange for a professional photographer from the Hispanic community to take photos of the new members at the August 25 meeting. Since Fr. Kirk will be unable to attend the August meeting, it will be held in the Church building. Linda will reserve space with Cindy for that meeting, from 4pm to 5:30pm on August 25.

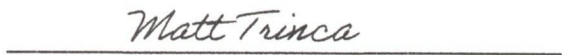
9. Antonio volunteered to lead prayer at the August 25 meeting.

10. Matt closed the meeting with prayer.

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Fr. Kirk Slattery, Pastor

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Matt Trinca, PC Chair

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