

Minutes: SJC Parish Pastoral Council

May 8, 2018

Present: Brian Larson, Carly Tolson, Deanna Benner, Kevin Haggerty, Marianne Duffy, Debra Traini, Father Ed Hallinan, Mary Chollet, Jared Schutt, Maureen Wortz, Pat Lockwood, Gerry Arango

Absent: Chuck Zech, Neil Sheehan, Lynne Schofield

Brian read the opening prayer.

Pastor's Report

Father Ed announced that Chuck Zech is retiring and will no longer act as facilitator for Pastoral Council meetings. Council members signed a card as a way to express thanks for his work.

Convent Update: Debbie

Debbie updated the Council on developments regarding the repurposing of the Convent, including accessibility, square footage, need for zoning permit, costs and future potential use of the second floor. Next steps will include discussion with the fundraisers. The Council discussed ideas for publicity and fundraising. The ideal is the lowest cost, most accessible plan to accommodate current needs and future growth if people want it in the future. The group felt that the parishioners need to understand that the many ministries of our parish really cannot operate out of the rectory any more. We need to get "the view from the pew" and listen to people we know in the parish to get and share their perspective.

Parish Life: Mary

Mary shared next year's calendar of six meetings and 2 leadership meetings. Council meetings will remain on the second Tuesday of the month.

Mary will ask Janelle Cooney to look back on the Earth Day celebration and what worked and what could have been different. This event will be considered again for next year's schedule.

Mary shared a list of ministries other parishes are doing that we are not.

Neil contacted Mary about ideas for welcoming, including using greeters, an idea that had been attempted a few years back but had no volunteers. The suggestion was made to perhaps try it again using extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist. The group discussed possibilities for special services like the Family Mass, or Blue or Veteran's Masses. The group wondered if being seen as a more progressive parish makes some feel excluded.

Old Business: PREP Survey

Lynne was not present to report.

New Business: Mary

Mary shared the Parish Pastoral Council self-assessment by Chuck. Council is asked to complete it on SurveyMonkey. The group discussed the idea of getting a new facilitator to replace Chuck because his work was so helpful to keeping meetings on track.

Mary is going on a Catholic Relief Services trip to Malawi in July. The group wished her well and congratulated her for being selected.

Maureen read the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Arango