Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

November 7th, 2023

Absent: Mike Butcher, Melissa Rodil

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Amy, who also opened our meeting with a prayer. Father also gave us a blessing.
2. The October minutes were approved.
3. Open Issues/Old Business
4. Parish Outreach

Co-chairperson, Vickie, spoke to us about Outreach’s goals and needs, and how we, as a council can help them. Their greatest needs right now are: getting help with updating their website, help from previous Outreach leaders to show/teach how to interview prospective clients, and having more volunteers join their ministry.

1. What should we be doing as a church?
2. Amy presented a pamphlet with themes from Catholic Social Teaching, which we all agreed to look at and review and then discuss at our next meeting.
3. Also, from the survey that was taken, most parishioners felt that the need for the church was to provide meals when someone is ill and for bereavement. There will be another survey sent out in April or May of 2024, so we are hopeful in receiving more ideas for what parishioners feel that we, as a church, need to be doing.
4. Amy also presented what our Archdiocese’s main topics are for helping/doing as an archdiocese: Care for Creation, Human Trafficking, Ethical Trade, HIV/AIDS Ministries, Immigration, Faithful Citizenship, and Poverty. We, as a council, discussed as to whether or not any of these areas would be a possible study in which our parish could be involved.
5. Coffee and donuts report was given by Mary Jo. It cost us six dollars this month, so the recommendation was given that we buy fewer dozen donuts since we always have donuts left over. Jane volunteered to run the next session, which will be on Nov. 26th. Ron made the suggestion that as the host/hostess greets everyone that he/she invites everyone to mingle/meet other people that they haven’t met yet. All agreed that this is a great idea and will start doing this at the next gathering on the 26th.
6. Newcomers welcome

Mary Jo reported that we are not allowed to get the names of those that are already registered in the parish (Archdiocese privacy policies), so we asked to have the registration form to now have a place on it where the new parishioners can agree (or not) to have us bring them a welcome packet. Cecilia will ask Melissa (since she was not present) to look into this and let us know at our next meeting.

1. Other

We discussed what we can do, as a church, to get more of our parishioners involved.

1. New Business
2. Archdiocese Communique for leaders

Amy asked about this, as it is sent out every Monday, and would like to have it sent to all leaders that are involved in our parish (heads of ministries, council president, etc.) Melissa will be asked to look into this, as well, and let us know at our next meeting if others can be added to receive this publication.

1. Projects

Our next project, as a parish, will be the completion of the basement. Father gave us a diagram/model of possible suggestions of that to do with the basement and asked for our input. We agreed to bring thoughts and ideas to our next meeting. There is going to be a capital campaign starting up in January of 2024. The suggestion was given as to the need of a building committee.

1. Our next meeting date will be on December 5th, 2023, at 6:30 pm.
2. Closing prayer was given by Lisa, and Father gave us a final blessing.
3. Our meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Vaillant