Parish Pastoral Council

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

April 2nd, 2024

Present: Father Fabio, Amy Bobenhausen, Steve Bannon, Jane Brown, Victoria Donato, Bobbie Easterday, Juan Gutierrez, MaryJo Stonecipher, Mel Vaillant, Cindy Zilaro

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Amy, who also opened with a prayer.
2. The March minutes were approved.
3. Open Issues/Old Business
4. Discernment process

All who attended the discernment retreat agreed that it was well received. Cindy Zilaro was voted in as a new member of the council. Judie Hardman, who had expressed interest in also joining, was not in attendance. Judie will be invited to attend our May meeting. MaryJo Stonecipher will be rolling off the council as of this meeting. Thank you for being an active part of our council for the past year, MaryJo!

1. Newcomers’ Welcome April 21st at 5:30 pm

Twenty-five invitations were mailed out to the new parishioners that have joined St. Paul’s since January of 2023. They have been asked to RSVP by the 17th of April. We are asking all parishioners to sign up to bring a side dish and/or a dessert to the dinner and join in welcoming all to our parish.

Sign ups will begin after all Masses beginning this weekend, April 6th/7th and continuing next weekend, April 13th/14th after all Masses, as well.

Announcements at each Mass during both weekends will also be given, and participation will be encouraged. This will be a wonderful opportunity for our parish to help initiate a return to having an annual newcomers’ welcome once again.

1. Feeding Faith Formation

Amy reminded the council that we will be helping to feed approximately 120 members of our Faith Formation families on April 10th and April 24th. Council members volunteered to help organize and work on one or both of the dates.

1. Capital Campaign

As of this date, nothing new about the campaign except that, of course, it is moving forward.

1. Doughnuts April 7th

Amy reminded us about the changed date, which is this Sunday, the 7th. We all agreed to change the weekend of having doughnuts and coffee after Mass to the third Sunday of each month since that is a totally open Sunday.

1. New Business
2. Community
3. Jane shared research for the council to look at and discuss at next month’s meeting about developing ideas that will help to better integrate our Hispanic community. A parishioner also had shared several websites that we will also look at for the good of our entire parish community.
4. Other Business

The council had a discussion about ordering and stocking the parish hall, as we need a volunteer or a group of volunteers that will be willing to take on the task of taking a quarterly inventory of what is needed and giving the order to the office. Once the order comes in, same volunteers will also need to unpack and restock the shelves in the parish hall.

We are very thankful to Beverly Farkus who has been the main volunteer for many years overseeing this task. Juan and Mel have volunteered to take over the inventory and ordering, with the possibility of asking interested parishioners to also help.

1. Our next meeting date is May 7th, 2024.
2. Father Fabio said the closing prayer and blessing.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Vaillant