

**REPORT – DISCERNMENT & PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY APRIL 9, 2019 – 7:30 PM**

Council in Attendance: Chery Lutz, Ricardo Palacios, Angie Reynolds and Dan Wierzbowski–Members; Susan Bonner – President; and Father Charlie Garza – Pastor

Discernment Candidates in Attendance: Susan Blackburn, Brian Daniels, Hector Gonzales, Jason Methfessel, Charla Miller, Tish Moczygemba, and Rita Wolfenstein

Opening Prayer – Susan Bonner led us in prayer

Discernment Event

- Susan Bonner welcomed attendees and provided explanations on the goals and purpose of the Pastoral Council
 - Candidates then provided a brief summary of themselves and why they felt called to serve on the council
 - Fr. Charlie explained the process of discernment, prayer and instructions on the voting process
 - Election ballots were tallied by Fr. Charlie
 - Two candidates were discerned and one candidate appointed by Fr. Charlie
 - New members to the Pastoral Council include:
 - Susan Blackburn
 - Jason Methfessel
 - Rita Wolfenstein
 - Chery Lutz shared information and expectations for the next PC meeting in May
 - Fr. Charlie closed with prayer
 - Susan Blackburn volunteered to be the new Secretary
 - Discernment candidates were dismissed and Pastoral Council transitioned into their regular meeting
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Call to Order

Minutes adopted from March 12, 2019 meeting as written.

Reports

- Finance Council Transition
 - Kathy Pyka and Denny Givens are rotating off of the Finance Council
 - Remaining current members include: Susan Curran (chair), Bart Kalsu, and Nat Pantano
 - Appointed new members are: Katheryn Daniel and Myron Lutz
 - The council meets the last Tuesday of the month after each fiscal quarter and after each Planning Budget exercise
 - Service terms are flexible

- Middle School Catechesis Ministry
 - Abby Lopez who is currently managing the Middle School program is resigning effective April 15 at her request
 - The Parish will be looking to fill the Part-Time paid position (20 hrs.) with a permanent candidate vs. using an intern model
 - The catechesis program will be shifting to classroom structure vs. large/small group
 - Based on a parental survey, classes next year will be offered on Wednesdays and Sundays with large group talks once a month
 - Job description revisions are in process and will be posted via the bulletin, SMDP website and the Diocesan's website
 - Targeting July for hiring

- Fountain Update
 - Timeline update – St. Dymphna Center (SDC) occupancy permit is close to approval and construction can begin following that approval
 - Construction of the fountain is being done entirely with a Parish in-house crew

Old Business

- QML April 27 with Ministry Leaders
 - Meeting will be shortened to 8am – 10am in the SDC Rooms 1 & 2 (due to Founder's Day weekend)
 - Pastoral Council (PC) members are to send reminders to their assigned Ministry Leaders (ML) and ask for RSVPs
 - New PC members will shadow existing members when meeting with the MLs
 - Chery to notify new PC members of QML date(s) and request their attendance
 - QML Agenda:
 - Opening prayer
 - Announcement of new PC members/transitioning out (S. Bonner)
 - Overview of purpose of QMLs (touchbase, provide updates, consult) (C. Lutz)
 - Break-out sessions with DR consultants (checking in/health of ministry, membership, involvement of members, leadership changes, issues with leadership, changes with facilities, growth in the community/ministry)
 - In depth overview/explanation of eSpace reservation system (L. Zordilla)
 - Agreed to serve Coffee/water
 - Decision made to postpone the PC study/training of the Forming Intentional Disciples based on council membership transitions

New Business

- Encountering Christ Campaign
 - Capital Campaign for the Diocese of Austin and as a parish in the Diocese, St. Martin de Porres is participating
 - Pledge period will run from July through December
 - Campaign runs for 5 years after start date
 - Fr. Charlie will conduct pulpit talks the first weekend in September

Misc.

- eSpace Reservation System
 - Angie Reynolds addressed the need for training and translation tools for the Spanish Community with use of eSpace reservation system
 - Suggestion was made for a special kiosk laptop in the office with a Spanish guidebook
 - Angie will work with Deacon Javier for solutions

Announcements

- The next PC meeting will be held on May 14 at 7:00pm

Closing Prayer – Led by Susan Bonner

Meeting Concluded at 10:00 PM

Respectfully submitted – Chery Lutz