

REPORT – PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY July 9, 2019 – 7:00 PM

In Attendance: Ricardo Palacios, Dan Wierzbowski and Rita Wolfenstein – Members; Chery Lutz – President; Deacon Edward Rositas – Guest and Father Justin Nguyen – Pastor

Opening Prayer – The Team said the **Building to Heal** prayer together.

Minutes adopted from June 11 meeting with one edit to remove the word “benediction” from the Closing Prayer reference.

Reports

- SMdP Pastoral Council (PC) Intros and Overview
 - PC members provided brief introductions to Fr. Justin
 - Chery explained the roles and responsibilities of the council, the discernment/appointment process and the support the Council provides to the Pastor as well as the Ministry Leaders
 - Dan shared information and background on the approach taken in the Parish supporting the Divine Renovation material and the approach and status of the roll-out of Forming Intentional Disciples (FID) material
 - Discussed the creation of a group of separate resources outside of the Council responsible for the training and facilitation of the FID material to Ministry Leaders (ML) to alleviate issues with PC member rotations

- Suggestion/Comment Box
 - Suggestion received to create easier access to the Adoration Chapel sub requests (currently captured manually in written form and accessible only in the Adoration Chapel entrance area)
 - Council discussed the idea of creating an interactive, real-time “Google” doc on the Parish website in place of the manual sheet in the Chapel
 - Adorers would complete the on-line form when needing a sub and parishioners can access the form via the website to sign-up to fill sub requests
 - Chery will contact Abby and Brian Caswell to discuss piloting this process and to address the fact that there is no information regarding the Adoration Chapel on our website currently
 - Unrelated to the Adoration suggestion – we entertained the idea of Inviting MLs to our Pastoral Council meetings on occasion to expose them more to the workings of the Parish
 - Include a bulletin announcement for upcoming PC meetings to promote Parishioners to submit suggestions or comments to a Council member prior to the meeting

- Fountain Status
 - Construction is near completion
 - Questions were raised regarding the maintenance of the fountain especially related to managing the water level
 - Deacon Edward will verify who is maintaining the fountain functionality

- Pictorial Directories
 - Production is currently on hold
 - Fr. Justin's photo will also need to be taken
 - No additional details regarding status and timeframe
 - Participation levels were less than expected

Old Business

- August 10 Quarterly Ministry Leader (QML) Meeting (Tentative Agenda)
 - Fr. Justin's immediate priorities will be to observe, listen and learn
 - Given the timing of this QML, the PC agreed to cancel the August meeting
 - DR Consultants will reach out to their MLs to request completion of a template which will provide key information about their respective Ministries in preparation for the next QML
 - One of the main focuses of the October 12 QML will be introductions with Fr. Justin and discussion on the health and deepening of our pastoral ministries
- Alternatives to Ministry Fair
 - Provided background to Fr. Justin regarding Ministry recruitment practices and past Ministry Fairs
 - Father shared best practices with growing ministries (i.e. Personal invitation, identification of people's gifts, brochures in the pews and parish office, etc.)
 - Focus on doing things well within the Ministry vs. growing the membership
 - Newcomer dinners and promotion of Ministry opportunities
 - Will consider additional discussion during the October QML meeting

New Business

- St. Dymphna Center Hall Set-up/Tear-down
 - Discussed the need for dedicated resources responsible for SDC Hall set-up and tear down for special events such as bereavement receptions
 - Some alternatives discussed regarding the use of more of the classroom tables vs. the round tables preventing the need for stacking and removal of the heavy chairs
 - No resolution at this time and will revisit in the future

Announcements

- Fr. Justin shared some additional background on his pastoral experience, of few of his passions and his very positive early impressions of SMdP
- The August PC meeting will be cancelled to allow members to enjoy what time remains of the summer with their families
- Our next meeting will be held on **September 10, at 7:00 PM in St. John Bosco, Room 9**

Closing Prayer-led by Father Justin with a blessing

Meeting Concluded at 9:15 PM

Respectfully submitted – Chery Lutz (in Susan's absence)