



SAINT BONAVENTURE
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) – September 2022 Meeting

September 27, 7 p.m. – Youth Room

Members present: Fr James, Deacon Mickey Redfearn, Tammy Arndorfer, Ed Huber, Tom Mantel, Carmen Brewers, Ben Krippner, Chris Olson, Breta MacPhie, and Raphael Ignacio

Absent: Claire Valladolid, Beth Boyle

Opening Prayer- Tammy

Introductions – New Member Beth Boyle

- Unable to join us; tabled for next month

Standing Items

- Approving Minutes August and May
 - In lieu of Book for Advent/Christmas, we as a parish will be focusing on the findings of the Synod
- Father James – Updates & Items
 - Fall Festival: positive day for parish. Good weather, good crowd, good volunteers
 - Kitchen renovation completed and more than 120 visitors after Mass for open house weekend of ~~s~~Sept 18.
 - Youth Ministry parents' meeting with 7 parents, Mickey and DRE
 - Decision to collaborate with Nativity of Mary & Deanery
 - Synod update:
 - Sept / Oct select 12 parishioners to serve as Parish Synod Evangelization Team~~10 Apostles from parish(?), as Synod team~~
 - ~~Apostolate~~Synod team goes through training and helps Pastor with planning and implementation
 - Sept / Oct new CFIC priest, Fr Sojan from Toronto, joining community
 - Assigned to be chaplain for Fairview Southdale Hospital.
 - Post-COVID participation: How do we get people back in the pews?
 - Select team to call those whom we are missing?
 - Other local churches closing doors because people didn't come back
 - How do we know who is missing?
 - Would have to be sensitive and tactful. Worries about members taking offense.
 - Personal invitations/outreach from friends best approach?
 - Fr James encouraging from pulpit
 - Rebecca encouraging at Faith Formation
- Mickey – Updates & Items
 - City says that we can only build based on primary mission (Church building), not secondary (garage and independent food shelf space)
 - Can add onto south end of activities building, but would need to bring rest of building up to code
 - Youth Minister job posted
 - No applicants yet
 - As a parish, we need to chart course of what do we do without Youth Minister
 - Conversation concerning signs banning guns on our property
 - Stemming from Fall Festival participant openly carrying.
 - Need to tell them personally, not just signs



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- Is this enough of a problem to address? If so, how do we do so?
- Should festival experience bring forth need to put up signs at church?
- How do businesses, schools, etc treat/train for gun incidents
- ACTION ITEM: Ask Art B to bring it up at meeting of festival planners?
- ACTION ITEM: Overall safety plan and training for sacristans, ushers, etc.
- Mass attendance pre/post COVID
 - Slowly going up, but still only at 60% of pre-COVID attendance
 - Number of households has declined since 2018
 - Financially, income is still close to meeting budget number
 - Sunday giving is down 15%, ~~but IRAs are up~~
 - Rita Peller had resigned from new member sign-up, but since no one has stepped up to take over, she has offered to resume duties
 - How often would we want to do new member Sundays?
 - Agreed one Sunday / month

Variable Items

- Vice Chair – discussion, Ed is willing to fill position for this year, unless/until someone else steps in
 - He noted, however, that this is the last year of his 2nd term, which would mean we will have both Chair and Vice Chair positions open next year.
 - Ed voted in unanimously as “Interim” Vice Chair
- Member Updates – Will Hermann has decided to not take the position – we need new members (2)
 - Need 2 members to fill vacant position
 - ACTION ITEM: Tammy to write up post for bulletin for potential members to be considered for PPC, pending Fr James’s approval
- PPC hosting Hospitality – 1st weekend of each month (3 masses)
 - Starts Oct 1-2
 - Mickey will be available to help after all Masses
 - Tom will pick up Donuts Sunday
 - Tammy will send out email to sign-up for times
- Jodi to take new picture of PPC
- October Prayer and Note Taker
 - Chris graciously offered to say prayers
 - Ed graciously offered to take notes and then prayers for November

Closing Prayer- Tammy

Next Meeting – October 25th 7:00 pm Youth Room

Respectfully submitted by Ben Krippner