

Newman Hall - Holy Spirit Church
Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes
October 11, 2022, 7:30 pm – 9:10 pm

Present: Andrew Song, Bob Gannon, Gary Schmoranc, Homer Teng, Ivan Tou, CSP, Josh Romo, Linda Safarik-Tong, Lorina Tornai, and Ned Niccolls

Absent: Alfreda Campos, Frances Reid, and Marie Retherford

Notetaker: Homer Teng

7:30 – 7:35 **Opening Prayer** – Ned

7:35 – 7:36 **Adopt September Minutes** – completed

7:36 – 7:45 **Introductions**

- Andrew Song was introduced by Fr. Ivan as the student representative to the Council.
- Everyone did self-introductions. Each mentioned how long they have been in the parish, what ministries they are involved in, and what they most like about the parish.

7:45 – 8:00 **Volunteer Appreciation Event Planning**

- When and Where: Saturday October 15th, 6 PM - 7:30 PM (approx.) at the Multiversity Room
- Food and Refreshments: (1) Linda has bought sodas and wine; (2) Fr. Ivan has bought cheese, salami, crackers, muffins, and cookies from Costco; (3) Ned will bring veggies and dips; (4) Coffee and tea will be served.
- Decorations and Set Up: (1) Ned's wife Yvette has produced a poster that will be on display; (2) Lorina will bring flowers and beach balls; (3) Linda will bring name tags.
- Program: (1) Speech by Fr. Ivan thanking parish volunteers; (2) People Bingo – Fr. Ivan will ask staff to develop the bingo sheet; (3) Small group discussions. Suggested question: "What has come out of your participation in your ministry that you did not expect?" (4) Jazz music in the background.

8:00– 8:15 **Coffee and Donuts Update** – Bob

- The Coffee and Donuts activity has attracted parishioners to stay after 10 AM Mass to socialize with one another.
- Suggested donation for Coffee and Donuts will be \$2 per person. People could also

make contributions via Venmo.

- The costs of the coffee and donuts not covered by donations will be reimbursed by the parish. Reimbursement form is available at the front desk.
- Here is the schedule of who or what group will oversee coffee and donuts activity:
 - o 1st Sunday: Linda
 - o 2nd Sunday: Lorina
 - o 3rd Sunday: Newman Grads
 - o 4th Sunday: Focus Ministry
 - o 5th Sunday: (TBD)

8:15 – 9:00 **Pastor’s Update**

- Fr. Ivan sent out a report to the Council prior to the meeting. The report represented his perspective on 2 questions: “What is the general pulse of our parish community as of today?” and “What are the key issues and needs that we as a parish ought to be attending?”
- The Council discussed Fr. Ivan’s update about the diocese’s Mission Alignment Process and how it will affect the parish.
- The Council discussed how to make the nave of the church more aesthetically pleasing.
- Fr. Ivan suggested covering up the ambo and altar with cloths and, hanging icons on the walls.
- Lorina made the following suggestions:
 - o Hire an interior design consultant to make a proposal for how to decorate the church.
 - o Professionally clean the interior and exterior walls of the church.
 - o Trim the red wood trees and plants in front of the church building.
- Bob suggested hanging a tapestry on the walls behind the altar.
- The Council provided feedback about the Catholic Family Life Week. Several members thought the activities were meaningful. They would like to see publicity get started earlier in advance. One member would like to see greater involvement of different ministries in planning similar events in the future.

9:00 – 9:10 **Future Community Events Planning**

- Fr. Ivan suggested asking the Newman Grads to host the Student Dinner on November 20. Josh will convey this request to that group. Linda, Lorina, and Gary volunteered to help with the event.

- For this event, regular parishioners will be invited to mingle with the students and have small group discussions.

9:10 **Closing Prayer** – Ned