

## Newman Hall – Holy Spirit Parish

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM, Hecker Room

*Present:* Alan Roselius, Carlos Mora, Fr. Ivan Tou, Gary Schmoranc, Greg Govan, Homer Teng - *chairperson*, Joe Burns – *guest*, Kathleen O’Brien – *secretary*, Lorina Daves Tornai, Marc Nguyen, Marie Retherford, Mark Stanley, Sophie Regan, and Virginia Muller

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Homer Teng opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

Mark Stanley led the opening prayer.

Council members welcomed Sophie Regan to her first meeting. Sophie replaces Jimmy Nguyen as the Young Adult Representative of the council.

Members approved the minutes of Sept 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### **Follow-Up on Visitation with Paulist Fathers**

- Some Council members found the report too contentious, and that the parish isn't as polarized as the report had portrayed it to be. Some found the tone of the report stark, uncompromising, and dramatic.
- Other parish council members found the portrayal of the state of the parish to be accurate. At the meeting with the Paulist Fathers, the issue of polarization dominated the meeting, which gave the impression that the parish is divided.
- Some members have expressed how St. Phoebe's Day have brought tension about worship styles between students and permanent parishioners to the surface. That tension has its roots from 10 years ago. The parish will need to address this lingering hurt and pain.
- Fr. Ivan asked members to send him written comments about the report, which he would relay to the Paulist leadership.

### **Discuss Strategies for Implementing Priorities of 'Intergenerational Collaboration' and 'Integration of Faith and Life'**

*Intergenerational Collaboration*

- Mark proposed that the parish does more collaboration within the liturgy. Want to see students and resident parishioners come together in a visible way collaborating in the liturgy.
- It was also mentioned that the parish council needs to **encourage** parishioners to partake in intergenerational events.
- Marc mentioned that it would be great to collaborate not only liturgically but also outside the Mass through prayer together, such as the rosary and adoration.
- Grad students have mentioned hosting talks on a theological topic and inviting the whole community to participate.
- We need to be *welcoming* to those who join events that may be from a different age group.
- *Building relationships* with one another is crucial in moving forward as a parish.
- Intergenerational collaboration does not mean we need to do everything together. There are specific ministries for specific age groups, and it is important to maintain some of those boundaries but then being intentional about intergenerational collaboration in other areas.
- Proposed intergenerational collaboration activity:
  - o Greg has been talking with Josh Schroeder (FOCUS missionary) about getting a few parishioners and students together to talk about how we can collaborate more. This group would include a few reps from the resident parishioners, students, and Newman Grads.
  - o The following council members – Kathleen, Alan, and Sophie agreed to participate in the proposed gathering.
  - o Greg will contact people in the coming weeks to move this forward.

*Faith and Life* – this topic was postponed to the November meeting.

### **Proposal for an Advent Activity**

- Virginia Muller has proposed an Advent activity where students and parishioners would bring in their creches (Nativity scene) from home. She will present a talk on St. Francis and how he was the first person to create creche.
- The event will take place on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the 10 am mass.

### **Report from the Student Ministry Team (SMT)**

- Marc reported that STM is preparing for Fall Fest Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. Students from other universities have been invited to attend. They are expecting up to 200 students.
- SMT is planning a rosary week. All parishioners are invited to participate in the following activities:
  - o Monday, 6pm-6:50pm – Rosary will be said in different languages. Hopes to get a good showing from the whole community.
  - o Tuesday – Participants will walk around the block saying the rosary.
  - o Wednesday – Participants will walk on campus while saying the rosary.
  - o Thursday – Participants will pray the rosary before adoration at 8pm.
  - o Friday – Participants will pray a rosary in front of the Tang Student Health Center with Respect for Life ministry at 10am.
  - o Saturday – Participants will pray for the community’s prayer intentions.
- SMT will make trifold posters in the lobby to educate parishioners on the different saints on All Saints Day.

### **Report from the Buildings and Grounds Committee**

- The parish is finalizing the new doors, and the target date is December 15<sup>th</sup>.
- The approval of the permit for the Solar project has been delayed by the City of Berkeley.
- Going forward, the committee is strategizing on how they will prioritize future projects and estimate fiscal plan for each project.

### **Pastor’s Update**

- Not many children have signed up for faith formation and only 5 students are interested in being catechists.

- On Oct 29<sup>th</sup> after the 10am mass, there will be a family gathering. The hope of this family gathering is to build community amongst the families and to see if any children will be interested in faith formation.

#### **Loaves and Fishes Ministry Update**

- Joe Burns of Loaves and Fishes Ministry announced that his group will place a Christmas tree in the church on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, asking parishioners to buy Safeway and/or Target gift cards to support the homeless people the group serves.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:17pm.

Next meeting: Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 7:30 pm Hecker Room