

Newman Hall - Holy Spirit Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2023, 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Present: Gary Schmoranc, Homer Teng (notetaker), Ivan Tou, CSP, Linda Safarik-Tong (chair), Lorina Tornai, Marie Rutherford, and Ned Niccolls

7:30 – 7:35 **Opening Prayer** – Linda

7:05 – 7:10 **Adopt March Minutes and Confirm Next Meeting**

- Linda noted that Alan Roselius’s first name was incorrectly written in the minutes. The Council unanimously adopted the March meeting minutes with that correction.
- To accommodate Marie and Homer who have choir practice on Tuesday night, the Council decided to have their next meeting on May 9 starting at 6:30 PM and ending at 8 PM.

7:35 – 7:40 **Catholic Discipleship Profile (CDP) Project Update** - Homer

- Homer reported on the meetings held on 4/15 and 4/16 to share the key findings of the parish’s CDP report.
- Meetings were held after the 5 PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday, as well as after the 8 AM and 10 AM Masses on Sunday. No one came to the meeting scheduled at 8 PM for parishioners who attend the 9 PM Mass on Sunday.
- A total of 44 people participated in the meetings, and 19 of them indicated an interest in having a follow-up discussion on the entire report.
- Fr. Ken facilitated a discussion of the following key findings of the report:
 - o 207 parishioners completed the CDP, and the number corresponded to 41% of the total number of people who attended Mass in October 2022.
 - o 35% of respondents were 71 years old and above.
 - o 50% of respondents were under the age of 61.
 - o 60% of respondents were female and 38% were male.
 - o 60% of respondents identified as “White or Caucasian.”
 - o The two other ethnic groups with double digit representation were “Asian or Asian American” and “Hispanic or Latino”.
- The area of discipleship with the highest average frequency is “Encountering God” (68%), and the one with the lowest percentage is “Accompanying and Being Accompanied.” (41%)

- A follow-up discussion will be held before May 9, during which participants will reflect on each of the 5 areas of Catholic discipleship behavior based on this question: “What are some things our parish could do to grow in discipleship the next year?”
- Fr. Ken and Homer will gather the feedback from the discussion and synthesize it in a report, which they will present at the parish council meeting on May 9.
- Marie commented that certain parishioners might have a negative impression of “discipleship” and “evangelization,” thinking them synonymous to “proselytization.”

7:55 – 8:10 **Parish Council Nominations Update**

- Sharing a document with the names of the nominees, Linda reported that 15 parishioners have shown interest in joining the council. She has invited them to an informational gathering on April 23 via e-mail, and many have said they would attend.
- The Council decided that the gathering would begin at 11:15 AM in the Hecker room. Marie agreed to bring banana bread. Ned will bring fruit. Linda will prepare coffee and bring bagels with cream cheese. Lorina will bring flowers.
- The council members brainstormed the following agenda for the gathering:
 - o Ned will lead the opening prayer.
 - o Fr. Ivan will talk about what he is looking for in a prospective council member.
 - o Linda will share her experience and accomplishments of the current council.
 - o Other council members will share their experience of serving on the council.
 - o Nominees will be asked to write down their ideas for the Council on post-it notes and stick them onto a whiteboard.
 - o Current members and nominees will mingle after the formal portion of the gathering.
 - o Each nominee will be asked to complete an application form and to hand it into the parish office by May 1.
- Council members decided that a staff person of the parish may not serve on the council to avoid a conflict of interest.
- Lorina and Marie agreed to be on a sub-committee that will work with Fr. Ivan to decide which nominees would fill the 5 vacancies.
- New council members will start their terms at the June meeting, and for outgoing members Linda, Bob, and Ned, that would be their last Council meeting.

8:10 – 8:20 **Summer Planning Ideas**

- For the sake of maintaining the Council’s momentum, Lorina proposed that the Council

continues to meet in the summer months. She pointed out that, unlike college students, most regular parishioners would be around in July and August. No council member objected to the proposal.

- Council members brainstormed the following activity ideas for the parish.:
 - Barbeque picnic at Newman Hall's patio with games
 - Game night
 - Day trip to Angel Island

- Lorina volunteered to form a sub-committee to plan an activity for the summer.

8:20 – 9:00 **Pastor's Update**

- Fr. Ivan reported on the state of the parish based on the one-page update that he sent to council members in advance of the meeting. (See attached "Pastor's Update – April 18, 2023") He verbally supplemented his written report with the following details:
 - On Saturday at 7:30 PM, there will be a viewing party for the Paulist Spirit of Hecker Award at Newman Hall.

 - He has signed an additional contract for the Solar Panel Project. The contract is designed to ensure that any future owner of the Newman Hall property will honor the leasing agreement for the panels.

 - Per Marie's expressed caution and recommendation, he would have an attorney review Newman Hall's insurance policy to make sure that it covers any damage that may result from the installation of the solar panels.

 - Kirk Peterson and Linda Govan have agreed to be on the Building & Grounds Committee.

 - Fr. Ivan will write a job description for a part-time Campus Minister Intern position for which he intends to hire Kathleen O'Brien. Lorina suggested broadening the position to include serving the regular parishioners as well.

- In response to Lorina's inquiry, Fr. Ivan mentioned that the next Habitat for Newmanity event will be on Saturday, 4/29. He will remind Alan Roselius to announce it at the Sunday Masses on 4/24.

9:00 **Closing Prayer** – Linda

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 6:30 PM – 8 PM