

Newman Hall - Holy Spirit Parish

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023, 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

Present: Alan Roselius, Bob Gannon, Greg Govan, Homer Teng (notetaker), Ivan Tou, CSP, Kathleen O'Brien, Kenneth Boyack, CSP, Linda Safarik-Tong (chairperson), Lorina Tornai, Marie Rutherford, Ned Niccolls, Virginia Muller

6:30 – 6:35 **Opening Prayer** – Ned

6:35 – 6:40 **Adopt April Minutes and Confirm Next Meeting**

- The council members unanimously adopted the April minutes that Homer sent out prior to the meeting.
- Four of the seven new council members of the upcoming 2023-24 term: Alan Roselius, Greg Govan, Kathleen, O'Brien, and Virginia Muller were present at the invitation of Fr. Ivan. Linda welcomed them and invited everyone present to self-introduce.

6:40 – 6:50 **Election of New Council Chair/Co-Chairs and Note Taker** – Linda

- The council decided to defer the selection of a chairperson or co-chairs, and a notetaker for the new term to the June meeting.
- The council agreed to hold its next meeting on June 13, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, at Newman.

6:50 – 7:20 **Catholic Discipleship Profile (CDP) Project Update** -- Homer

- Twenty-five parishioners participated in the CDP meeting on May 7 to review and discuss pastoral recommendations on how Newman Hall – Holy Spirit Parish could continue to grow as a vibrant community of faith.
- Participants at the CDP meeting mentioned that noontime on weekdays and daytime during weekends are their preferred times to participate in parish events.
- The recommendations were compiled into a document and distributed at the meeting. Council members reviewed the document and discussed some of the recommendations. They agreed to prioritize which ones to pursue and the process of implementation at the next meeting.
- Virginia and a few other council members voiced support for the recommendation: *4d – Organize a ministry fair, and make sure to follow-up with people who sign up to participate in ministries.*
- Homer will follow up with the participants at the May 7 meeting who have expressed a willingness to help implement those recommendations.

7:20 – 7:35 **Mission Alignment Project (MAP) Report** – Fr. Ivan

- Fr. Ivan distributed copies of “Parish Council – Pastor’s Update for May 9, 2023” and shared some of the items in it.
- Newman Hall- Holy Spirit Parish will not be combined with another parish. Two nearby parishes – St. Augustine in Oakland and St. Joseph the Worker in Berkeley will be co-clustered.
- The Oakland Diocese has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which is typically a 3-year process of financial reorganization. Since the diocese owns all the parish properties within its boundaries, buildings that are not in use may be liquidated as part of the bankruptcy process. The buildings of Newman Hall – Holy Spirit Parish will likely be spared since all of them are currently being utilized.
- The bankruptcy filing may hamper parishes from starting new infrastructure projects. However, ongoing, and essential ones may be continued. Our parish’s Solar Panel installation project will most likely not be affected.
- When Fr. Ivan mentioned that we were still waiting for one more boiler pump to replace the broken one in chapel, Alan volunteered to call the Berkeley Boiler Co. for an update.

7:35 – 7:45 **Summer Plans** – Lorina

- The council decided to organize a Bible Trivia Night at the patio of Newman Hall on Sunday July 16 at 6 PM. It will be a potluck event and the entire parish is invited. Marie and Lorina will co-chair it, and Kathleen will design the publicity poster.
- The council agreed to organize an Angel Island trip for the parish after Labor Day in September. The month was chosen so that new and returning UC students could participate. The date has yet to be determined.

7:45 – 8:00 **June Meeting Plans** – Linda

- The council agreed that the June 13 meeting will be both a social and a business affair.
- The social portion will begin at 7:00 PM, during which members will mingle over snacks, cake, and refreshments.
- The business portion will begin at 7:30 PM, with items that include:
 - o Thanking the outgoing members Bob Gannon, Linda Safarik-Tong, and Ned Niccolls.
 - o Welcoming and Thanking New Members – Alan Roselius, Carlos Mora, Greg Govan, Kathleen O’Brien, Marc Nguyen, Mark Stanley, and Virginia Muller.
 - o Selecting a new chairperson or co-chairs, and a note taker.

9:00 **Closing Prayer** – Bob

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023, Social: 7:00 PM – 7:30 PM, Business: 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM