



PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

DATE: Monday, March 18, 2024

PARTICIPANTS: Fr. Greg Schmidt, Ann Alderson, John Bylhouwer (Vice-Chair), Dianne Coppola (Chair), Lou Coppola, Oscar Deprez, Mary Flynn, Libby Gilmore, Sandra Hicks, Glenn Holden, Nadia LaSelva, Dennis Modolo, Mary Jo Modolo, Geddie Pawlowski, Nikki Panlilio-Yap, Larry Yap

NOTE-TAKER: Ann Alderson

AGENDA ITEM	KEY DISCUSSION POINTS	DECISIONS / ACTION STEPS
Welcome and Introduction	Dianne Coppola introduced herself as the chair for the meeting and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and share something that you are grateful for today.	
Opening Prayer	Fr. Greg led the group in prayer to begin the meeting.	
Review Status of Action Items	<p>Completed Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for growth submitted by members and categorized by ad hoc working group • Regular updates about PPC work shared via newsletter • Presentation about PPC made to CWL • Website pages current with links to minutes, Terms of Reference and Agendas <p>Items deferred:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths/Opportunities for Almsgiving & Evangelization • Methods of soliciting broader input from congregation <p>Question: What does PPC stand for? Answer: Parish Pastoral Council</p>	

FAITH FOR TODAY. VISION FOR TOMORROW

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<p>New Business Identification of Priorities – 4 Pillars (Worship, Learning, Service and Fellowship)</p>	<p>A small sub-group of the PPC reviewed all submitted information and sent out the document for review. There were no questions of clarification regarding the pre-work that was circulated before the meeting.</p>	
<p>Round 1: Dotmocracy Voting For Priorities in each of the Four Pillars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dianne explained how Dotmocracy voting works reviewing the following 4 points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All in attendance will receive 4 coloured dots to ‘vote’ for items in the Consider for Action Category ○ You can vote for priorities in one or more categories, e.g. 1 in worship, 2 in learning, 1 in fellowship ○ Only one dot per suggested action item, that is, you cannot put all four of your dots on one action item ○ You do not have to use all of your dots 	<p>All in attendance placed dots on the four pillar charts. The results were tallied and the suggestions receiving the most votes will proceed to the next step of the planning phase.</p>
<p>Results: Worship</p>	<p>Dedicated mass for youth engagement Dotmocracy Total: 8 dots – more contemporary music/hymns, ministerial roles, choir/musicians</p> <p>TV Monitors/Big Screen in Sanctuary so words of hymns can be projected, announcements posted. Allows visitors to follow along as well as we don't have any prayer cards in the pews now. Dotmocracy Total: 4 dots</p>	<p>Consideration for Action: accepted by Fr. Greg and all in attendance.</p> <p>Timeline of implementation to be determined at a later date.</p>
<p>Results: Learning</p>	<p>Run faith study series regularly, e.g. spring, fall, winter Dotmocracy Total: 8 dots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Train more parishioners as facilitators to lead sessions to decrease reliance on Catholic Christian Outreach members (2 dots) - Group sessions to discuss/better understand Encyclicals, e.g. Fratelli Tutti (over 4-5 sessions) - Group to explore linkages between our faith and their Judeo origins/counterparts (4 dots) 	<p>Consideration for Action: accepted by Fr. Greg and all in attendance.</p> <p>Timeline of implementation to be determined at a later date.</p>

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Results: Learning Continued	<p>Hold workshops on various spiritual topics. Dotmocracy Total: 4 dots Ideas submitted included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Presentations on issues and the Church’s stance on those issues, e.g. gender identification/transgender, divorce, cremation, etc. ○ Catechism of the Catholic Church ○ Online Q & A session with Pastor (monthly, quarterly) ○ YouTube videos on topics of interest to parishioners ○ Session on how to discover your gifts and use them in service within your parish (The Catholic Spiritual Gifts Inventory – run by Deacon George in the past) (2 dots) <p>Book Club (linked to Lending Library) where parishioners meet to discuss spiritual books (also supports Fellowship pillar) (4 dots)</p> <p>Identify learning needs within existing ministries; offer sessions to meet those needs and to recruit new ministers. (1 dot)</p> <p>Hold a youth retreat ending in mass (1 dot)</p>	
Results: Service	<p>Expand a pastoral visiting program Dotmocracy Total: 9 dots - with volunteers visiting the homebound or phoning them regularly to chat, wish happy birthday, etc. – Legion of Mary and/or Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound likely to assist in this regard</p> <p>Invite youth to help with outreach events, e.g. delivery of holiday food baskets, delivery of donations to Community Care, Matthew 25 Ministries and other charities (2 dots)</p>	<p>Consideration for Action: accepted by Fr. Greg and all in attendance.</p> <p>Timeline of implementation to be determined at a later date.</p>

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Results: Fellowship/Parish Community-Building	<p>Review and update New Parishioner registration form so it includes: Dotmocracy Total: 11 dots</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a question about new Parishioner's possible interest in volunteering for different Ministries - interest in different fellowship groups - faith formation needs/interests <p>For existing Parishioners, create a survey to solicit feedback on their interest to Volunteer for ministry and/or interest in spiritual/personal growth opportunities (2 dots)</p>	<p>Consideration for Action: accepted by Fr. Greg and all in attendance.</p> <p>Timeline of implementation to be determined at a later date.</p>
Round 2: Questions that need answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dianne gave all in attendance post it notes to jot down any questions regarding the four Consideration for Action items chosen under each pillar. She collected them and placed them on the chart. • All questions were read aloud and there are many things to be considered before moving forward on any of the identified items. 	<p>Dianne will collate all questions under the separate pillars and circulate them as an attachment to the meeting minutes.</p> <p>Everyone is invited to submit additional questions to Dianne.</p>
Round 3: Who might take the lead?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A few suggestions were written on post-it notes • Those in attendance were asked to give more consideration to the question of who might take the lead as it pertains to each of the items chosen under the 4 Pillars. • Strive to be as specific as possible. These are suggestions only. 	<p>Each person invited to send any additional suggestions to Dianne.</p>
Idea generation for Aspirations & Results for proposed priorities	<p>Those in attendance were asked to submit any ideas regarding this topic to give a jump start to this item before the next meeting.</p>	<p>Dianne will create and circulate a template. Each person will look at this item individually and send their suggestions to Dianne.</p> <p>A small sub-group of the PPC will review all submitted information, before the next general meeting.</p>

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Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St. Vincent de Paul has agreed to coordinate a Christmas Gift Tree during December on behalf of Community Care. This was a suggestion considered a “Quick Win” • They will not be funding learning opportunities in the future as this did not work out in the past. • The suggestion to facilitate Easter food drive items from the schools to the church did not work out this year given the timing of March Break. Fr. Greg will work with the schools to organize something during the Christmas season. • New members Nikki and Larry Yap shared information about themselves and their previous involvement with the Pastoral Council of their last Church. • 16 individuals will be welcomed into the Catholic Church as they receive their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass: Saturday, March 30th at 8:00 pm 	<p>Upcoming Meeting: Note change of date to Tuesday, May 14, 2024 (not Monday, May 27, 2024) From 7:00 – 9:00 pm</p>
Closing Remarks & Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Dianne and Fr. Greg thanked those in attendance for coming and sharing their information with the group. • Fr. Greg is pleased with the action items chosen by the group and said that they can all be implemented in the future. • Fr. Greg closed the meeting with a prayer. 	