



SAINT GILBERT
CATHOLIC CHURCH
Reaching Out With Servant Hearts

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL AGENDA
April 30, 2019

- Opening Prayer
- Attendance
- Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
 - Bible Study Update
 - Discipleship
 - Alpha Program update
 - Fr. Barron's trial for ENGAGE program
 - Use of Flocknotes
 - Cost
 - Lenten Mission Event for 2020
 - Ministry Fair
 - Parish Communications
 - Supplemental Easter bulletin has a "cleaner look" – should we consider revamping our bulletin to be more appealing
 - What happened to the email updates?
 - PPC Members
 - Terms. Succession plan for members
 - Alignment with other ministries – KofC, Women's Group? Do we have bi-laws for the group?
 - Teaching Parish Committee / Seminarians
 - Introduction to the parish in the Fall so more parishioners can support them
 - Young Adult Ministry update
- Old Business
 - Deanery A-1 Update
- New Business
 - Parish Update – Fr. John
 - Lay Leadership
 - Encourage people to enter the program.
 - Possibly developing a scholarship to support one person / year?
 - Summer Retreat
 - Summer Meetings?
- Closing Prayer and Adjournment



Parish Council Notes from April 30, 2019

Attendance:

Fr. John	Letty Medina
Sr. Donna	Angie Fisher (absent)
Fr. Christian	Daphne Kinzig (scribe)
Raul Venzon	Alix Eugene

Call to Order:

7:05 PM. Opened with hymn *Join in the Dance, Embracing the Gifts of Easter* prayer.

Review of Previous Meeting Minutes:

- PPC recruitment – we should ask for help from Women’s Club and Knights of Columbus
 - **ACTION:** PPC to discuss who will speak to Women’s Club (leadership in turmoil) & KofC to help with the mission of the church.
- Bible Study Group
 - Letty & Daphne are working with a team of parishioners including Sr. Donna to offer a Bible Study in the Fall.
 - Hoping to offer two or more sessions, Monday morning – after 8am mass & Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm, Sr. Donna will also offer a session for REP parents.
 - Michele Ecklund & team reviewing programs, will make recommendations soon.
 - Programs under consideration
 - **ASCENSION PRESS** – Jeff Cavins
 - 24 sessions cover 12 old testament books & 2 new testament books
 - Game changer in understand the “big picture”
 - 2 hours – Prayer, group discussion, video
 - Lead by facilitator & 1-2 coordinators
 - Large or small groups
 - New abridged version release, 8 sessions vs 24. Will need to review shorter version as an option.
 - **MATTHEW** (24 sessions) – through school year
 - **ACTS** (23-24 session) – whole year
 - **OTHER JOHN** in Fall & **JAMES** in Spring
 - Cost – varies by program. About \$15-30 per course.
 - Need internet access & video equipment.
 - **ACTION:** Letty, Daphne, Sr. Donna will continue to discuss program with the core team and decide which program, possibly multiple programs.
 - **ACTION:** Letty & Daphne will publish details with the PPC as they are developed.



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- Lenten Mission Event with Fr. Brad Zamora & Fr. Matt O'Donnell
 - Positive feedback from the event.
 - **ACTION:** Letty to reach out to Keith Strohm about availability for next year's Lenten Mission. (DONE)
 - Cost: \$3K for three days, willing to shorten to two days, \$2.5K. Prefers three-day journey.
 - Willing to work with us on cost if money is a concern
 - Can offset with free will offering OR charge for the program
 - **ACTION:** PPC must decide if want to book Keith for next year in our next meeting, \$1K deposit due upon booking.
- Discipleship Ministry
 - ALPHA PROGRAM UPDATE
 - Geared to fallen away Catholics. Series of sessions that explore the Christian faith, began in 1977. Catholics are using this program more & more.
 - Evening starts with video followed by discussions. Open ended questions with small intimate groups in an open environment to discuss. Videos are engaging, answering questions such as What does it mean to be Christian?
 - Program material is free. Administrative cost incurred for distribution copies & snacks, covered by free will offering.
 - Training will begin mid-Aug.
 - Program scheduled to start September
 - 11-week program with retreat in the middle of the program.
 - Hoping to hold sessions on Thursday nights – 5:30 – 9:30 pm (LONG)
 - Need a kitchen space since food will be served.
 - Letty reached out to Jeanne to book a space, too early.
 - Need to gauge how many people will sign up, targeting 10-12.
 - When: Sept 5 – Nov 21
 - Looking for volunteers to help with program.
 - Patricia Klein volunteered to help with Alpha if her schedule allows.
 - **ACTION:** Letty will coordinate who & how they will announce the program.
 - **ACTION:** Plans underway. Letty will report back to the PPC.
 - **ACTION:** Team will begin working with Graphic/Web Designer on marketing material for the Fall.
 - MINI RETREAT WITH PATRICIA KLEIN – Associate Director of Teaching Parish Program at Mundelein Seminary
 - Went well, good energy in the room.

Old Business:

Deanery Update: Daphne attended the Deanery A-1 meeting on May 8



- Renew My Parish
 - Cardinal Cupich refers the task as “Fixing the Arch while running”. Views APC as the pulse of the Archdiocese.
 - Vicariates 4 & 5 activated.
 - Received donations for \$8M
 - 70 parishes operating in the **RED**
 - More funerals than baptisms
 - Next Phase
 - Problem with the number of priests in Chicago, 540 priests today, 250 > age 70. Expecting 350 in 10-15 years.
 - Concern about the decrease in the number of nuns too.
 - School tuition competitive?
 - Fr. McGovern
 - St. Rafael, Prince of Peace & Lady of the Lakes have gone through RMC process.
 - Arch wants to provide guidance on evangelization
 - Communication – How do we improve parish level information. Lay person trained to do this. Uses flocknotes to propagate information.
 - **ACTION:** Daphne will look into getting flocknotes to get information to SGC.
- Seminary – adding an additional year of spirituality while we still have a shortage of priest.
- Abuse Sessions – everything supposed to be done is being done, no names.
 - Rome Meeting
 - Handling accusations
 - Holding Bishops accountable, may result in change in Canon Law.
- Discussed Human Trafficking in Chicagoland.
- **OVERALL:** Good group to get information passed down to the church level using help of flock notes.

New Business:

Parish Update by Fr. John:

- Renew My Church Update
 - SGC partnering with St. Paul in 2023
 - Potential partnership opportunities – how they raise money for the church. How do they effectively manage their vibrant ministries & get parishioners interested, involved, & excited?
 - Uncertain if St. Paul will get an Associate Pastor
 - **ACTION:** Fr. John will establish a relationship with the new Pastor in July before beginning partnership actions in 2020.
- Bishop Barron – Program ENGAGE, short course



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- Way to engage parishioners & make faith formation more affordable, way to evangelize.
- Includes high quality video & short courses to boost our faith.
- Small group study
- Uses Flocknote platform, provides statistics on message – whether read, etc.
- Check it out:
 - [28 Days of ENGAGE for parish leaders](#)
- **ACTION:** PPC should consider whether this is a program we want to use. Program is Free!! Should we make this training mandatory for leaders of the church?

Lay Leadership

- Letty sent out some information after interviewing a young priest from a Catholic community in Flint, MI who size decrease due to downturn in the automotive business who was given carte blanche to shape the ministry by evangelizing.
- Due to the decrease in archdiocese leaders in the next ten years, we need leaders to come forward and step up.
- Requires money to train new lay leaders to work with our church.
- NEED charismatic people to take responsibility for the church.
- Church is more than just the priest, allowing lay leaders to take hold of our church – “having faith in one another, in our community, and in our relationship with others.”
- Fr. John likes the idea of funding a scholarship for the prospective leader.
- **ACTION:** PPC continued discussion.

Ministry Fair

- Daphne will begin to reach out to the contacts about the representation on Pentecost weekend.
- Scheduled for Sunday, June 9
- **ACTION:** Sr. Donna will coordinate communication in the bulletin & signup paperwork.

Young Adult Ministry (YAM)

- Next event – BBQ at the rectory, July 13, 4:00pm – 7/8pm
- College students should be back from college for participation.
- **ACTION:** Daphne working with Jeanne on publishing event & announcements at mass for event.

Next meeting: June 4, 2019, 7-9pm in the Rectory
Last meeting for this school year, retreat in the summer, reconvene in September.

Closing: Closing prayer at 8:58pm