

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2024

In attendance: Father Paul Buchanan, Peter Barthelemy, Mary Ann Burr, Bob Chaplin, Chris De Rego, Laura Lovelace, Brittany MacAlester, Bethsy San Millan, Brendan Sweeney, Cam Tracy, Kimber Zappia

Unable to attend: Charlie Scott, Robert Rodite, Thomas Sims

Chairing this meeting: Chris DeRego

1. Opening Prayer – Kimber Zappia
2. Review and approve August minutes – approved
3. Discussion Items

a. Women’s Council

We have several different groups available for women; the Knights have a program of service and fundraising and not sure if we have something like that for the women of the parish. We used to have something called the Confraternity of Catholic Women (purpose would be similar to that of the Knights); is there a Women’s Auxiliary under the Knights? Father had one at his last Parish that would do programs within the Parish; one challenge is commitment and structure over time. This would be an organization with a charitable focus vs. an educational or internally focused group. **Action Item: Father asked for us to explore different Parishes and their women’s groups to see what is out there.**

b. Why are we continuing to tithe to our partners when our DSA obligation hasn’t been fulfilled? The Parish gives money to the DSA and the Parish supplements the difference. A percentage of our titling each year funds Catholic Charities, campus ministries, faith formation, seminary, etc. In addition to the money sent to the Diocese. Obligations are met regardless. We have a mission to support local organizations – and we budget for the shortfall for the DSA. It’s important to the Parishioners that we support local organizations and the Parishioners are very generous to these organizations.

c. Handicap Ramp to the Mac Building – There is handicap access at the main entrance, but not the rear entrance. We don’t believe the side or back door were possible because the required grade of the ramp would take it into the parking lot. Is a lift a possibility? Would this benefit more people like parents with children in strollers? Could we modify the stairs coming out of the Mac center to the Church? Is a ramp the only way – are there alternative options? Are

there wheelchairs available? Should we provide the location of the wheelchair? Is there another route that is a little shorter and step free? Has there been any discussion of a covered walkway from the Church to the MAK center?

d. **Flowers on the Altar** – Can we update them? The arrangements seem to be smaller – could we discuss with the supplier?

e. **Children’s Mass** – when the youth choir sings, we can we try to have younger readers.

f. **Other** - If you know anyone who would like to be an Usher, or Reader or Eucharistic Minister, sign up!

g. **Next Meeting:** 11/21 at 7pm

h. **Closing Prayer** – Chris De Rego