

March 2021 Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Present: Father Paul, Lawton Blandford, Julie Andrews, Colleen Sutton, Clare Charzewski, Robert Dills, Robbie Doran, Theresa Eze, Jerry Gardner, Matt Gibbons, Scott Phillips, John Russell, and Juan Saiz

Absent: Maggie Helton

1. Opening Prayer – John Russell

2. Minutes - Colleen Sutton

February 2021 minutes were reviewed, and the minutes were approved.

3. Discernment of New Members to PPC – All

- Four current members of the council have decided to step down from their current positions: Lawton Blandford, Matt Gibbons, Maggie Helton, and Colleen Sutton.
- Father Paul has made announcements at all the various Masses over the last several weeks about the openings. Parish members interested submitted an application, with a current picture of themselves, to the church office. There were 7 applicants.
- Prior to this meeting, council members pick up copies of the applicants from the church office to review on their own.
- Applicants were then reviewed again at the monthly meeting and any questions or concerns were discussed.
- Father Paul applied a point system to the four open positions.
- Current council members present then sent, via email, to Father Paul, during the meeting, their individual top 4 choices, with the point system assigned to each candidate.
- Father Paul tallied the points for each candidate based on council's emails and the following candidates were selected to join the Council:

Catherine Glisson, Jordan D'Amato, Jon Hamilton, and Rose Williams

- Motion was made and the elected candidates were approved.
- Father Paul will invite the new elected council members to our next meeting in May.
- At the May meeting council will vote on new officers to serve for the next fiscal year.

4. Father Paul's Report – Father Paul

- Lenten Season Programs and The Easter Celebration were a total success, even with the COVID 19 protocols in place. All events and Masses were well attended.
- Faith Formation attendees are starting to grow fatigued with the Virtual Programs. Attendance has started to drop off.
- Father Paul has had to change the meetings for the Confirmation Class this year from big meetings and events, to meeting with candidates in small groups (7-8). Confirmation is scheduled for April 14th.
- Vacation Bible School will be virtual and the staff is working hard to make this another great success this year.
- Good news is that Summer Faith Formation will be in person.

5. Roundtable Discussion – All

- Robbie Dills has taken on the responsibility of drafting new Council bylaws and procedures. He will be in discussion with Father Paul over the next few months on a final draft. The draft will then be presented to Council for review and acceptance.
- Julie mentioned that she had witnessed several of our elder members returning to Mass in person and how emotional they are about being back at the church.
- Many parishioners have mentioned how they like that Father Paul has been standing outside the church and welcoming everyone into the church.
- We are still receiving complaints about the church's sound system. Live Stream is great, but within the church the acoustics do not seem to be as good as it could be. Seems to be an echo effect. This might be caused by limited COVID protocol occupancy. The church was built for a capacity of 750 attendees. We will see when limited occupancy is lifted if there is a difference.

6. Closing Prayer – Juan Saiz