

Saint Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes: October 25, 2021

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- **In Attendance:** Father Chris, Kent Bell, Kim Celentano, Kathy Dyer, Bobi Martinez, Matt Patterson, David Smith, and Nick Turner
- **Absent:** None absent

- Fr. Chris opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00PM
- September meeting minutes approved by unanimous vote

NEW MEMBERS

- The Council welcomed new members, Kent Bell and Matt Patterson

PASTORAL COUNCIL OPENINGS

- There are two remaining openings, one of which will be filled in January and the other to be decided by the Council before the next meeting.
- The Council members reviewed one additional application and will submit comments to Father Chris.

PARISH UPDATE from Father Chris

- The diocese has assigned an additional priest to the parish – Father Arthur Nave, who will reside in the rectory.
- Financial update – The Council reviewed the 2021-22 budget.
 - Plan shows good cash flow with all planned expenses covered.
 - The request to assign a Pastoral Council member to the Finance Council cannot be accommodated at this time due to the existing number on the Finance Council. However, we will invite Gary Livacari, our previous Pastoral Council representative on the Finance Council to provide updates as needed.
- The sanctuary project is still projected to begin in January 2022 and complete by Easter. The Council recommends providing to parishioners a list of requested donation items once project is underway.
- Advent Mission
 - The staff is planning a parish mission focused on Bishop Olmstead's exhortation on the Eucharistic Presence with invited speakers.
 - The Council suggested introducing Vespers in the Chapel on a regular evening each week during Advent.
- The November Fest event is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 7th from 1-4PM. The small fee requested of attendees is to offset costs of the event.

- The Council/Staff interface will be a topic at the staff meeting in next two weeks.
- Parishioners are able to communicate concerns or submit ideas to the Pastoral Council and Fr. Chris through a link on the parish website. Via this mechanism Father will begin to gather ideas on possible community nights for next year. A flocknote will go out after the holidays. A google form will be used to format the input.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- The current volunteer opportunities were presented to the Council members. The Council recommends that the volunteer opportunities at the parish be better publicized to parishioners since volunteering is a good way to become involved in parish life and grow discipleship. To that end several suggestions were made.
 - Simplify and make more visible the information in the bulletin by providing a QR code to link to the opportunities on the website.
 - One option is to present the most pressing needs for each ministry weekly and make a pulpit announcement
 - Council members can personally invite friends and acquaintances to volunteer.
- A recommendation was made and accepted that the Council do a book study on a recently published book – Reclaiming Vatican II – What it (really) said, what it means, and how it calls us to renew the Church - by Fr. Blake Britton

All actions and due dates resulting from above items are documented in a separate task list.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:00PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Dyer, President and Acting Council Secretary