

# **Saint Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council**

## **Meeting Minutes: November 16th, 2021**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

- **In Attendance:** Father Chris, Kent Bell, Kathy Dyer, Bobi Martinez, Matt Patterson, Kathy Pipenhagen, David Smith, and Nick Turner
- **Absent:** Kim Celentano
  
- Fr. Chris opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00PM
- October meeting minutes approved by unanimous vote

### **NEW MEMBERS**

- The Council welcomed a new member, Kathy Pipenhagen

### **PASTORAL COUNCIL OPENINGS**

- There is one remaining open which will be filled in January.

### **PARISH UPDATE from Father Chris**

- The sanctuary project is now projected to begin in February 2022 due to delays with contracting. Lead times for materials are a concern once contracts are complete. The Council viewed the samples of the marble material to be used in the sanctuary.
- Advent Mission
  - The Advent mission, Dec. 3,4&5, with invited speakers will focus on Bishop Olmstead's exhortation on the Eucharistic Presence. It will include a general session, one for women, one for men, a Holy Hour and confessions.
  - The Council is working on a plan to introduce Vespers in the Chapel on certain evenings during Advent.
- The November Fest event, held on Sunday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> was deemed successful with positive parishioner feedback. Additional parish events are planned in 2022 – one in the spring, and one in the fall which will celebrate SMM parish's 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Council recommended additional outdoor family events.
- Beginning in January, staff members will be invited to attend council meetings to discuss their ongoing plans and any support needed.
- Father announced that a part time employee will be hired to assist with the Sacred Music ministry.
- It was agreed that 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday post-Mass office openings don't appear to be necessary now that the office is open for additional hours during the week.
- Father reported that the annual Board of Director meeting with the Bishop went well with positive comments from Bishop Olmstead regarding the state of the parish.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

- Council members gave feedback from parishioners to Fr. Chris on various topics.
- The discussion continued on how to improve uptake of the parish's need for volunteers, with several suggestions and actions taken.
- Council book study– Reclaiming Vatican II – What it (really) said, what it means, and how it calls us to renew the Church - by Fr. Blake Britton
  - The council members are positive about the information and guidance in the book and discussed the initial chapters.
  - A recommendation was made that Fr. Chris teach on Vatican II, its true teachings and on the common misunderstandings.

**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