

Saint Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes: June 20, 2022

COUNCIL MEMBERS

- **In Attendance:** Father Chris (on phone), Kent Bell (on phone), Kim Celentano, Kathy Dyer, Bobi Martinez, Matt Patterson, Kathy Pipenhagen, David Smith (on phone), and Nick Turner
- **Absent:** None
- Kathy opened the meeting with prayer at 6:00PM
- The council approved the May meeting minutes.

Staff Member Update

- Lita Martinez, Director of Adult Faith Formation, updated the council on her responsibilities, which include adult faith formation, sacramental prep-RCIA, and discipleship. The following are the planned initiatives:
- Continuation of the small group Mission Training program (12-week program) - quarterly schedule for discipleship nights as continued formation for training group alumni. Discipleship Nights are open to the whole parish to encourage participation in mission training.
 - Lita asked the pastoral council members to help make personal invites or recommend people for her to invite.
- Evangelization Team Training in July (One morning session 7/15 and one evening session 7/21) for those interested in learning to evangelize and accompany people new to the faith.
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- Parish-wide Book Clubs planned for Advent/Christmas season and Lenten season. An hour-long kick-off will precede each to give tips for fruitful discussion in groups, how to schedule the reading, and to help people form small groups if needed. Lita will launch the book clubs in the parish, but the leaders will hold them outside the parish, in homes, etc. There will be three books to choose from: one theological/spiritual, one focused on the lives of a saint(s), and one Bible study.
 - Lita welcomes book recommendations (especially with audio-versions)
- As per the council's suggestion, Lita will add to the calendar a Book Club re-cap event, following each season, where all participants can gather and share about their experience reading the books.
- Missions, of which there will be one per year, alternating between Advent and Lent. Planning for this year's Advent mission is complete. The parish is planning the first Lenten mission in 2024.
 - Lita needs volunteers for the following areas: ideation, hospitality, speaker support (lodging, chauffeuring, etc.), greeters at the event, and promotion of the event.

Parish Vision

- Father Chris shared his vision and goals for the parish. He added a new element to the mission statement: 'discipleship.' The updated statement is:
 - St. Mary Magdalene is Gilbert, Arizona is a Roman Catholic Parish that witnesses the love Jesus Christ through evangelization, catechesis, discipleship, and celebration of the Sacraments.