

# **Saint Mary Magdalene Pastoral Council**

## **Meeting Minutes: January 24, 2022**

### **COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

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

- The sanctuary project will begin in March 2022. The end date will likely be extended past the original 3 months. Father and the staff are working on the logistics for Mass arrangements. Additional donations have been promised for altar and ambo.
- Beginning in February, staff members will be invited to attend council meetings to discuss their ongoing plans and any support needed.
- A special announcement will be made at all the weekend Masses regarding the proper reception of Holy Communion to limit the risk of a consecrated host being stolen for a black mass planned by a satanic cult in February in Scottsdale.
- As part of the Church wide 'Synod on Synodality', all dioceses are required to conduct parish consultations as input to the Assembly of Bishops in Synod to be held in October 2023. The consultations take the form of structured listening sessions with the parishioners. Father is asking the Council to prepare, by the February council meeting, recommendations on structuring the sessions for St. Mary Magdalene. The reports to the diocese are due May 1.
- There was no financial report at this meeting - one will be forthcoming in February meeting.

### **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 which are documented separately for consideration. A council member will form a subcommittee to recommend implementation.
- The Advent Vespers were held on 3 Mondays during the season with varying attendance. The Council will sponsor Lenten Vespers, either in Chapel or the Church.
- The Council recommended that the parish host summer activities to continue engagement with the congregation. Several options were suggested and a council member will investigate the options and report back in the February meeting.

- 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 members discussed Chapters 2 and 3. Strong emphasis was placed on Chapter 3 - The Sacred Liturgy. The discussion led to several recommendations on possible areas of consideration for SMM. These are documented separately for Fr. Chris' discernment.
  - A recommendation was made that Fr. Chris teach on Vatican II, its true teachings and on the common misunderstandings with special catechesis on the Mass and its purpose.

**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