

St. Francis PPC Meeting

Tuesday, 10 May 2022

In attendance:

Father Kevin
Philip McDonald
Sue Roche
Tom Cornish
Stephanie Peña
Erin Conte
Tony Berkeley

Opening

Fr. Opened with a prayer and reading of the Gospel of St. John. Fr. Spoke of the importance during this Easter period—particularly with the current state of the world—for us to remember love for each other, which makes John’s reading so relevant.

PMcD—

- We should be sure to remember Paul Worthington, to pray for him and his wife Catherine who is still in the parish. Fr. Mentioned that although Paul’s funeral was a grave-side only, he was able to be properly memorialised in the autumn when covid restrictions were lifted.
- Kate Camp and Jonathan Kazinski have resigned
- Erin Conte to be new secretary taking minutes

Item 1—Parish Update—Fr. Kevin

- Impact of covid
 - o Rashan and Jerry Rodgers able to set up live stream, which we do not have to pay for
 - o Live stream now extended to funerals and other parish events
 - o Will not live stream all services in order to ensure more people return to church
 - o Weekend mass attendance is at about 2/3 pre-pandemic numbers (about 230 people)
 - o People have gotten out of the habit of going to church; however, success in 1st Holy Communion last weekend with 70 children up for their sacraments this year—sign of return to normalcy
 - o Masks to continue, but only for now
 - o Another positive is now Fr. has the church open daily, not just the porch, which is important
- Fr. has remained as busy as ever throughout the pandemic
- EC, SR, PMcD, TC thanked Fr. for keeping us all going during lockdowns

Item 2—Staffing of PPC

- Welcome Stephanie
- Looking at an ideal number of PPC members of 12, including Fr.
- Want to have a diverse group who brings a variety of gifts to the table
- As the financials are now being handled by Jerry Rodger's wife, Fr. will speak to Jerry about a role on the council
- ⇒ **Action point:** If anyone can think of someone who would be a good fit on the PPC, please bring their name forward
- May start having in-person meetings soon; play by ear

Item 3—Volunteering

- Need to recruit more people
- Need to be proactive beyond the sign-up list in the porch; some positions (children's liturgy, etc.) will need more lead time because there is more of a process involved in those positions
 - Place inserts in the bulletin; have PPC members staff masses to collect inserts in at the door and then ensure contact details are had and passed on
 - Need to update current volunteer form to reflect all activities available
 - Hold a volunteer drive weekend
- ⇒ **Action point:** PMcD to update form and email out
 - agree to drive weekend on this side of summer
 - PMcD to collate info and distribute to appropriate activity leaders
 - Sub-recruit for leadership in different areas from those who come forward to volunteer (SP suggested smaller groups suggested in synodal research can take on some of these activities as a group)
 - Look at newsletter and/or website to keep people up to date about current happenings in the parish

Item 4—Synodal Process

- Some of the points that came out of this so far were about needing more volunteers, as well as involving more young people (needing more youth activities)
- Fr. thanked those who attended the synodal meetings and made their thoughts known

Item 5—Diocesan 10 Year Plan

- PMcD brought attention to the insert, which outlines that a 10 year plan will be written and distributed prior to the autumn
- Is a post-covid document designed to address the next 10 years
- ⇒ **Action point:** PMcD to scan and email out as it requires the attention of PPC

Next meeting: toward the end of June; play by ear whether remote or in-person; PMcD to send out dates (Fr. Kevin asked that meetings remain on Tuesdays)