

St. Joe's Pastoral & Mission Council
Meeting Minutes
9/16/21

- **Present:** Vince, Mark, Andy, Rogelio, Greg, Emily, Denise, Terry, Cassie, Leo, Mimi, Steve, Alex, Jenn
- **Review and Approval of Minutes** – May 27, 2021 Minutes **Approved**
 - **Council**
 - Retreat Reminders – takeaways from Council retreat (shown on screen)
 - Council Meetings going forward in safety – Following the Governor's Order and Archdiocesan Guidance – for the time being we will meet virtually.
 - Council Priorities, Goals and Objectives – Discussion and approval is required by the Constitution at the October Meeting – **Voted to postpone full discussion**, but create framework for themes for October.
 - **Pastoral Coordinator**
 - Updates on emerging issues:
 - Parish and School Strategic Planning – Steve met with new Provincial; Jesuit West Province strategic planning, regional cooperation, and new model at St. Joe's. Provincial will meet with Archbishop next week – Archbishop will make decision about St. Joe's.
 - School is ramping up strategic planning process. Parish-school relationship is a top priority. Should be on our agenda every month.
 - Merger with St. Pat's – No concrete updates or timeline. Constantly changing situation.
 - Finance Council has begun meeting; has plan for Stewardship
 - Fr. Matthew & Bob M-L created liturgy planning committee, will lead liturgy decisions.
 - Refilling Claire's Hansen's Youth Faith Formation Position – Not going to rehire right now. Financial picture unclear next year. Theresa, Steve, and volunteers will take over Claire's responsibilities for now.
 - Women Deacons is no longer discernment, but advocacy.
 - Anti-Racism Training – Meeting with David Watson Consulting on Oct 13th, 5pm. Council invited.
 - New Website Home Page – Members given access to staging site; going live Sept 25th
 - Commission ministry goals being developed.
 - Scheduling a Parish Leadership Retreat in October – October 9th (Saturday morning)
 - Discussion of why people left and how to bring people back
 - Jesuit presider lineup is set for the Fall. Matthew 2x/month, Ryan Rallanka 1x/month, Mike Bayard 1x/month. At least one lay preacher per month
 - **Commission Reports** – We will start this with the Faith Justice Commission at the October Meeting.
- **Council Member Issue Check-In and Discussion** – Questions and Issues of Concern in the Parish (20 minutes).
 - Why are parishioners returning or not returning? *Develop a survey for parishioners. Phone-a-thon using volunteers from the parish (with positive script). Tell people that they're going to get a call.*
 - Watering the lawn in the midst of drought. Is it an issue? Symbolic?
 - King County is not in a drought.
 - There is a lot of energy around making Climate Justice a priority. The Climate Justice Committee has the same ideas as the Council. Mark will connect anyone interested, and will continue to
 - How was the decision made to cancel the Party on the Hill? School-sponsored event cancelled due to Delta and replaced with movie night
 - "After-Mass Listening Sessions" on Sept. 11&12 was a big success – lots of good feedback at most Masses

- **Old Business:**
 - Companion document to the Constitution – Andy will have it ready by next meeting, so Council can vote on it
 - Proposal to refurbish the vestibule – Fr. Matthew is assembling a committee (including Terry) to get redesign proposals.
- **New Business:**
 - Approval of the Annual Calendar of Meetings – required by the Constitution - **A few changes required; will vote in October**
 - Approval of Climate sign-on Letter – <https://thecatholicpetition.org/> - **Recommendation APPROVED** – Steve has final approval
- **Next Steps and Action Items**
 - Small working group to create framework for themes for October meeting. Team: Leo, Emily, Denise.
 - Invite Marti M. (PAA) to October meeting to give financial update
 - Invite Faith Justice Commission to October meeting (Mark)
 - Mark your calendars for leadership retreat on October 9th 9am – 11:30am virtual
 - Bio of Jesuit presiders on website (Mark) Matthew, Ryan, Mike
 - Develop a survey: check-in, and why are you returning or not returning? Phone outreach.
 - Team: Leo, Jenn, Denise, Vince, Mary Wiseman