

St. Joe's Pastoral & Mission Council

Draft March Meeting Agenda

4/13/22

Meeting Date & Time: April 28, 2022, 07:00 PM

- **Attending – Andy, Mark, Gee, Cassie, Rogelio, Leo, Jenn, Denise, Mimi, Steve, Cathy, Alex**
 - **Visiting – Jennifer Paquette, Anna Nelson, Susan Fox, Janet McDermott**
- **Review and Approval of Minutes - APPROVED**
- **Updates and Discussion – Dn. Steve and Mark Petterson for the Synod Process**
 - **Chris Cartwright's Visit Debrief:**
 - He will likely live at Seattle U, which will help improve Jesuit connections. Steve talks to Chris every few weeks to keep him up to date. Official letter out from the Archbishop.
 - Impressions from council and what you are hearing from parishioners – very positive. Unlikely that he will have time to visit again before beginning on August 1. Questions about how to support Fr. Chris's health. Have plans in place to support him, including extra Mass coverage from Jesuits who have been helping out currently.
 - **Merger with St. Pat's:**
 - There will be a letter from the Archbishop, hopefully giving clarity on timeline and dates, coming next week. July 1st is still a possible timeline for closure of St. Pat's and merger. St. Pat's met with Archbishop but it is very unlikely that they changed his mind.
 - We need clarity. Especially around property responsibilities.
 - Council Members and staff currently representing St. Joe's in informal biweekly conversations with St. Pat's.
 - About 70% of St. Pat's parishioners have indicated interest in moving to St. Joe's, and many have been attending Mass. They will bring many gifts to our parish.
 - We will have welcoming events open to all coming up – hopefully St. Pat's parishioners will attend. We will also have a more official welcoming plan once we have clarity.
 - **Update on the Synod:**
 - Very positive impressions. Hard conversations but really important. About 100 attendees in total over 4 sessions (plus two LGBTQ sessions with St. Pat's) - <https://www.stjosephparish.org/synod>
 - Report to the Archdiocese is nearly complete, which will be shared publically with the parish. Answers five very open-ended questions.
- **Care Plan –**
 - Updates from the Care Plan Leads:
 - Comeback – Welcoming Committee is meeting next week. Lots of welcoming events coming up, like BBQ, pancake breakfast, Mariners game, etc. Council Members – please attend as many welcoming events as possible. Be an ambassador (wear your nametag, approach shy folks).
 - Commissions – On hold for the moment to give priority to Comeback and Light on the Hill
 - Leadership Support – Working on ideas to help integrate/welcome St. Pat's folks, and ideas to welcome Fr. Chris and facilitate his transition. Meeting with Steve to figure out how to help Fr. Chris.
 - Light on the Hill – Identifies priorities in parish life and faith justice. Finished outline, which identified things that we are already doing, and things that we aren't doing but are priorities. Lots of events coming up, especially Racial Justice.
 - Deeper Jesuit Connections – JRJI NW Jennifer Kelly gave amazing homily. President of Seattle U will preach, too.
- **Old Business – Filing Council Vacancies**
 - Process we are using – identifying characteristics of current Council members and what we want in new Council members. It's important to discern how we do things.
 - Current council members involved in the vacancy process: Alex, Cassie and Mimi – all three are stepping down, so do any Council members want to join that? Jenn will help.
 - Vacancies: 5 Members: Alex, Cassie, Cathy, Mimi, Rogelio.
 - Holding two spots for St. Pat's. Also want young adult, senior connections, kids at the school, and BIPOC identity.
- **New Business –**
 - Finalize our meetings before the beginning of summer:

- May 19 – Evaluation of this year’s process.
- June 16 – Mass, Celebration of the year and closeout.
- August end of the month TBD – Retreat
- Regular meetings begin in September – First Thursday EC meeting, Second Thursday, Council meeting.
- Mark will be not be attending most Council meetings anymore because of workload and assignments. Secretary chosen from among the council members, as provided for in the Constitution & Bylaws, is needed.