

St. Joe's Pastoral & Mission Council

September Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date & Time: Sept. 8, 2022, 07:00 PM

Feast Day: Blessed Frederic Ozanam – Founder of the St. Vincent de Paul Society

○ Attending

- Will Ross (he/him)
- Father Chris
- Andy Perez
- Jim Thomas
- Vince Herberholt
- Anna Nelson (she/her)
- Denise Muyco
- Kathleen (she/her)
- Leo Lyons
- Enid Moore (she/her)
- Kathleen Santarelli (she/her)

• Reports:

- Leadership Report – Fr. Chris – State of the Pastor & the Parish
 - State of the pastor: a nice calm after the celebration last Sunday and a hectic first few weeks. Excited to join St. Joe's and be involved. Impressed with our energy. Sorting ceremony at St. Joe's School next week. Grateful for the enthusiasm of the staff. Bob has "retired" but is working some in Tacoma. Laura Ash from St. Pat's is replacing him and working with her has been great.
 - Hopes for the parish from Father Chris
 - **Rebuilding after COVID (returning to the table of the Lord),**
 - **Reaching out to the people who live in the physical St. Joe's community (see the map Vince sent out today) – ATTRACTION VS OUTREACH**
 - **we should be aware of the demographics of the area on the map to make sure we are serving communities of color, LGBT people, and people of different socio-economic backgrounds, if we focus on attraction rather than outreach people will engage more. How do we make the church more relevant to people's lives? Should we turn inwards and ask why we are losing people?**
 - **Reviving the young adults and involving young people (how to attract and make young people feel like they belong here, The Care Plan addresses some of this)**
 - **Hopes for allyship training with the anti-racism task force**
 - **Focus on south seattle deanery in a similar way as the Jesuit works project to use the idea of attraction rather than outreach**
- Council Report – Executive Committee (20 minutes) – Looking forward to the new year.
 - The Care Plan – temporary until Father Chris's arrival. Established a conscious effort to go out and raise awareness for Jesuit works.
- Welcoming and Integration of St. Pat's parishioners – Jim Thomas, Kathleen Santarelli – How are we doing so far? (15 minutes)

- Parish picnic was a success and Kathleen felt welcome and made new friends. Sunday 9:30 mass went well and felt good. Importance of liturgical dance to St. Pat's community. Excited for parishioners to participate in the ASL part of the service. Movement in prayer and liturgy. There's still mourning and grief for the closure, but are impressed with the welcome. Desire to continue coffee and donuts.

- Anti Racism – Allyship Training. We want more of this.
- The constitution – how do we do an automatic succession. Might need to adjust open meetings. Make sure we are on the same page sentiment-wise and our role with the pastoral council.
- After-Mass meetings with council members – not drumming up enthusiasm. A google form for people to submit questions for the council would help perhaps?
- Can we combine social engagement events with council engagement
- Thank you to the planning teams for altar server prep, the livestream, and the welcoming committee
- Things to work on: Welcoming and engaging to bring people back and get new people. Pay attention to personal invitation.
- Commission and Committee Structure: currently not serving us well. Only down to school commission and faith justice commission. Should we pay closer attention to the welcoming committee?
- Liturgy has changed – we have a liturgy committee now. Steve is taking on liturgical ministries.
- Faith Formation – Theresa is head of faith formation and Elisa is working on it. **URGENT NEED FOR TEACHERS IN FAITH FORMATION.** The school is no longer doing sacramental prep, that is being left to the church. Church is willing to train anyone who wants to help.
- How do we address volunteer fatigue
- Can we get the data from the phone call project?
- Season of Creation – Environmental Justice, target young people.

- **Summary, Next Steps and Action Items**

- Continuing the livestream
- The constitution may need adjustment
- September 25th, 11am mass – commissioning of the council. Please attend
- Will we meet in December?
- The sound system needs work and lectors need to slow down, more assisted listening devices

Total Time ~100 minutes