

## Minutes of PPC Meeting – 04/20/23

Meeting convened at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

**Present** – Father Joe, Paul Dufresne, David Iaccino, Jorge Otero, Katie Pomroy, Kathryn Moery, Michael Griffin, John Riordan.

**Opening Prayer** – Katie opened with several prayers she recently found that help bring peace, joy and strength during times of transition and change. She said they relate to her faith life and personal life as well as the Renew My Church efforts.

**Minutes** - Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed without objection.

**Reading Assignment** – Chapter 5 of No Silver Bullets. Paul started the conversation by saying that the book is culminating in the need to forge a parish vision; work that will continue into the next PPC season, but which will likely incorporate the concepts of welcoming, accompanying, and sending. David read an excerpt from page 144 about priorities and John said he took away that the primary mission is evangelization. Father Joe liked how the 4 marks of the church were put into action form. This turned into a discussion about the ministries available at Assumption and which ones are still active. All but Taize and Child Care (which are currently suspended) are active ministries. The refugee aid was brought up and Father suggested we could use another team of 5-6 people so that we can adopt another family. There will be an opportunity to sign up for available ministries at the Welcome New Parishioners Event May 7<sup>th</sup>.

We will read/skim chapters 6-8 for the May PPC meeting for a final discussion.

### Old Business

- **Welcome New Parishioners Event** – Kathryn led the discussion and gave an overview of the final plans for the Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> events following the 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 masses. She passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to meet/greet and attend each time slot. Father suggested that there be a greeter at the back of the church for each mass to welcome everyone, particularly the new parishioners. We discussed the phone calls being made the week of 4/24 as a follow up to the e-mail Father Joe sent. Kathryn will have ministry brochures available on the tables along with a suggestion sheet for other ideas that people would like to see made

available. Kathryn thanked everyone for their efforts and continued support for this event. She's excited and hoping for a great turn out on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

- **Call for New PPC Members** – A volunteer will read the preprinted information inviting new nominations for the Parish Council. This will take place 4/29-4/30. Father asked that the volunteer for each mass make themselves available at the back of church to hand out nomination forms and answer questions after mass.

4/29 5:00pm Kathryn

4/30 7:30am Rose

9:00am David

10:30am Kathryn

12:15pm Michael

5:00pm John

- **Update on Renew My Church** – Father Joe said that approximately 25 people were invited to attend the informational meetings; 23 attended and 9 people have agreed to be part of the team. They will take a 4-week course via Zoom and an Alpha Training day to ultimately lead the next Alpha Series.
- **Laudato Si** – Eva has been carrying this effort with her Laudato Si and Me series in the bulletin. John volunteered that he'd do some research and take the torch on this effort. It will likely be a bi-monthly bulletin update moving forward. We discussed the need for a committee to keep this initiative active and current. Paul suggested asking the Finance Committee to explore the feasibility of putting solar panels on the rectory roof. The garden was also posited as a place to be more thoughtful; a rain barrel, xeriscaping, and native plants were suggested.
- **New Business** – Katie brought up the topic of lighting the stained-glass windows on the east side of the church. Father Joe said the current lighting was a 'gift' from the developer when the new building went up. The council discussed improving the lighting during the daylight hours. Father Joe will talk to Jean Sowa about how they are accomplishing similar efforts at the Driehaus Museum. It was brought up by Paul and Father Joe that LED technology offers many solutions that would be both effective and low cost

and which could be recommended to the Finance Committee for consideration.

- **Open Forum** - The council will invite Deacon Kevin to the May meeting to discuss the Marriage Ministry.

**Closing Prayer** – Father Joe prayed for the Holy Spirit to guide us and to show us the light.

The next meeting will be on Thursday May 18, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.