

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING 9-18-2025**

Meeting was convened at 6:30 p.m. in the Rectory.

Present – Fr. Joe, Matthew Lee-Own, Jola Oliver, Conora Shaw, Al Ferolie, Bill Ladewski, Luca Ripani, Adam White, Bob Gordan (via Zoom)

Opening Prayer – Al delivered the opening prayer. [“Prayer of St. Francis”](#)

Announcements –

- Married Couples Event - interest expressed in hosting another married couples event for Spring 2026. Item set for Oct. agenda, potential for committee to be assigned to manage.
- Parish Safety Plan- in light of recent events involving violence at Catholic churches, interest was expressed in forming a parish safety plan. The archdiocese has encouraged all parishes to form a plan. Item set for Oct. agenda, potential for committee to be assigned to manage.
- Ordering Books Through Dynamic Catholic
 - o Jola proposed to look at books from Dynamic Catholic to be provided for parishioners at the upcoming Advent season. Each book is approximately \$2.00
 - o Potential funding source for this item may be the Generation to Generation funds

Old Business –

- Discussion of PPC Theme for the Year – Discussion opened into whether to retain last year’s PPC theme or to select a new theme. Consensus was that the PPC should focus on building on last year’s foundation and so retained the mission statement, *“Go and invite everyone to the table”*
- Selection of Books to Read for the Year - Discussion was opened into proposed books for the PPC to read for this council year. Luca proposed to read “Abraham Lincoln: Lessons in Spiritual Leadership”, Matthew proposed to read a book from the “Rebuilt” series.
 - o PPC Selected two books to read for the year:
 - [Abraham Lincoln, Lessons in Spiritual Leadership](#)
 - [Rebuilt: Awakening the Faithful, Reaching the Lost, and Making Church Matter](#)

New Business –

- Suggestion Box- No feedback was left in the suggestion box prior to this meeting. Matthew encouraged PPC members to raise awareness of the suggestion box during interactions with other parishioners and to encourage use of the box to generate ideas for the council.
- Website Update - Discussion opened into proposed improvements to the look and feel of the parish website. Current initiatives in progress to increase ease of access and update to modern fonts and formatting.
 - o General consensus was that the website was in need of some updates with members expressing views that the website looked a bit dated and was in need of a user interface upgrade.
 - o Bob suggested that we make donations easier via a QR code that might be attached to our livestreams or pastor's podcast.
 - o PPC feedback on website upgrade to be sent to Website Update committee
- October 5th Hospitality – The PPC is set to host hospitality on Oct. 5th. The following members volunteered to assist:
 - o Jola - initial setup after 7:30 A.M. Mass
 - o Conora - food service & coffee preparation after 9:00 A.M. Mass & 10:30 A.M. Mass
 - o Al Ferolie - purchase of food / drink
 - o Bill - food service & socialization & cleanup after 9:00 A.M. Mass & 10:30 A.M. Mass
 - o Matthew - food service & socialization & cleanup after 9:00 A.M. Mass & 10:30 A.M. Mass
 - o Adam - food service & socialization & cleanup after 10:30 A.M. Mass
 - o Luca - food service & socialization & cleanup after 10:30 A.M. Mass
- New Parishioner Welcome Event - Discussion opened into hosting another new parishioner welcome event in the format that PPC together in 2024. Fr. Joe provided a bit of background on how the event was run last year and suggested that Kathryn Moery be contacted to help assist with the planning of the event this year.
 - o Committee formed including: Kathryn Moery, Matthew Lee-Own, Corona Shaw, Evangelization Team, etc. to manage welcome event
- Plan to Enliven Parish Ministries - General discussion opened into ways to enliven and enrich our parish ministries. Proposals included hosting a general ministry fair (Luca) and hosting parish assemblies / listening sessions (Fr. Joe). Fr. Joe provided background information as to how both of these events were run in the past.

- Parish ministry fair will require significant planning and so a committee was formed to manage the Parish Ministry Fair proposal: Luca, Jola, Al, Matthew
- Matthew proposed to begin hosting PPC listening sessions after the weekend masses starting in November. Item deferred to Oct. agenda.

Closing Prayer – Father Joe delivered the closing prayer.