

**MINUTES**  
**Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**St. Charles Borromeo & St. Joseph-St. Mary Parishes**  
**March 17, 2022 (SJ)**

**Present:** Fr. Jim Wyse, Joe Albert, Linda Brondige, Nick Feuerstein, Rosemary Klackle, Jenny Nowak, Tara Pigorsh, Janice Rockburn, Juan Salazar, Randi VanOcker

**Absent:** Jake Schmiedicke, Deacon Dan Schneider

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Jim

**Approval of Minutes for January 20, 2022** – Minutes approved after noting correction that closing prayer was led by Jake Schmeidicke

**Fr. Jim welcomed new members:** Joe Albert, Linda Brondige, Nick Feuerstein, Jenny Nowak, Janice Rockburn, Randi VanOcker

- Linda Brondige volunteered to be the notetaker
- Juan Salazar volunteered to be the Pastoral Council Leader

**Updates from Fr. Jim:**

- **Social Events Team** will be formed. Fr. Jim will ask for volunteers after Mass on the weekend of April 2 & 3.
- **Faithful Servant Initiative** – Fr. Jim wants to expand on the initiative which provides service in our surrounding communities to help those in need.

**New Business focused on Guidelines for Pastoral Council**

- What is PC and what does it do?
  - Be people of prayer, seek God's wisdom and do it regularly
  - Look to what our faith tells us about what is going on in the world.
  - Look at what we have been doing as church and figure out how to respond to what is not working – We lose many Catholics. This is a broad problem, not just local.
- Fr. Jim passed out his book, his vision of what is happening & what we need to do.
- Fr. Jim said the best book on building the Church is the Acts of the Apostles. They:
  - Told the Gospel story
  - Worked together as community
  - Worshipped God
  - Helped people in need.

- Need to dialogue well within the PC and with parishioners. Fr. Jim handed out the book Redeeming Conflict which covers how to have creative tension between different groups of people.
- A challenge of our generation in Church is to shift from being customers to being co-workers in mission.
- Highest priority is bringing people to Jesus - Church is only valuable in how well this priority is accomplished.
- Covered the template for PC meetings

**Completed group exercise by individually answering the following questions:**

- Experiences of church that have been very good.
- Experiences in Church that have been bad.
- How would you describe the faith community to someone who has never been there before?

**Next meeting:** May 19 at 6:30 at St. Joseph

PC meetings are typically held bi-monthly on the third Thursday. The location alternates between St. Joseph and St. Charles.

**Homework for next meeting:** Read Fr. Jim's book

**Closing Prayer:** Tara Pigorsh

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Brondige

**New Business:**

- Social Event - Plan for Mardi Gras celebration at St. Joseph in combination with the St. Joseph Blood Drive on Tuesday, March 1.
- Fund Raising –
  - Want to eliminate fund raising for St. Charles School, YM3 and Religious Ed. The current funding situation requires teachers and instructors to spend time raising funds instead of focusing on students.
  - For fund raising it is good to connect with alumni and leverage alumni such as Fr. Dominic, an alum of St. Charles School, and Dcn Logan Weber, an alum of Youth Ministry
- Discussed whether Better Way Designs is this something we can connect to as a ministry or is it too connected to a business.
- The upcoming Synod is to look at what is the most effective way to reach people and spread the Gospel.

**Closing Prayer:** Juan Salazar

**Next meeting:** Thursday, March 17, 6:30 at St. Joseph

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemary Klackle