

Parish Advisory Council PAC Meeting Minutes Winter 2020

Present: Diana Januska, Diane Harken, John Cisek, Mike Francis, Chris Narbone, Ed Giles, Ann Gornik, Bill Mear, Bryant Crane, Brian Cronin, Meghan Cahill, Collette Doyle, Christina Howard, Bill Bright, Janet Caschetta, Kathleen Gorman, MJ Martin, Katie Pruitt, Marc Reszel, Elizabeth Russell-Jones, Deacon Rich Voytas, Steve Weigand, Ryan Mau

Absent: Beth White, Jessica Koch, Jesudas Gudime

The following items were discussed at our meeting on Saturday, February 1.

1. In order to share important communications parish-wide, each ministry, organization and advisory group submitted a brief pre-read that updated the Parish Advisory Council (PAC).
2. St. John of the Cross Parish was founded in 1960, making 2020 our 60th Anniversary. A committee was formed to help plan how the parish will commemorate this milestone. The following ideas were discussed: Sunday, June 28 Mass under the Fest Tent would celebrate the 60th anniversary; publicize the history of the parish; promote the Art booklet that was recently published; recognize founding members; recognize third generation families at our parish; celebrate on our patron saint's feast day – December 14; produce a new parish directory.
3. Our last parish directory was published using Lifetime with portrait pictures five years ago. Council members discussed the advantages/disadvantages of a printed directory with pictures from Lifetime versus an electronic password protected directory with family photos posted. The school uses Directory Spot which interested several of the Council members. Most members thought the electronic directory would be the best choice. Elizabeth Russell-Jones, Meghan Cahill, and Christina Howard will work on the directory project. The electronic directory could also be printed for those needing a hard copy. Most present said they would submit family pictures instead of sitting for a portrait and also that the electronic version would allow families to update their email addresses and cell phone numbers more easily.
4. The Green Committee needs volunteers. Please forward names of interested parishioners to Mike Francis.
5. Council members were asked to weigh in on the purpose and structure of the PAC for the future, specifically for the next fiscal year. Our discussion included the following points:
 - a. Purpose: The purpose of The Council is to implement the Vision and Mission Statement of the Parish. The Council will enable communication and collaboration among ministries and will align their goals with the needs of the Parish. The Council will serve as an advisor to the Pastor; to assist and discern parish needs and to foster communication among Parish Staff, volunteer leaders and Parishioners.
 - b. Structure: We discussed: diversity, size, staff involvement, discernment/ appointment v. election.
 - c. A committee was formed to study the future purpose, structure/size, and membership (elections) of the PAC that would best meet the needs and expectations of the pastor. The following members will meet: Fr. Reszel, Mike Francis, Diana Januska, Diane Harken, Ann Gornik, Bill Bright, Christina Howard and MJ Martin. This will be presented at the next PAC meeting.
6. Last Advent our parish hosted the Area Reconciliation Service with St. Francis Xavier and St. Cletus, the two parishes in our Renew My Church grouping. This Lent, Area Reconciliation Services will be held at SFX and Cletus and not at our parish. Advent and Lent Reconciliation Services will be rotated between the three parishes. SJC will continue to offer reconciliation after the Saturday morning Mass throughout the year.
7. The last meeting of the PAC this year is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center.