

Attendees: Pat Alberto, Moira Bailey, Kerry Dineen, Andrew Hauser, Kathleen Griffin-Kluger, Sandy Maskell, Shu-Fy Pongnon, Charlie Piggot, Szyman Radziszewicz, Kenna Saadeh, Fr. Daniel Murphy, Maura Lorenzen

## Welcome | Opening Prayer

### Old Business

#### I. Hospitality Sundays: First Sunday of every month

##### Discussion

A proposal was made to consider spotlighting at least one parish ministry each month, offering an information table to promote what's going on in the parish?

The group discussed how to best organize itself for this task. While not all Council members can commit to serving the entire morning, it was recommended that there at least be two led members who handle things from ordering, to set-up, through to clean-up. Council members unable to make the morning commitment (8:30am - 1:00pm) can then help either before or after the mass they normally attend.

Andrew Hauser mentioned that the young families group gather in the Parish Hall every Sunday after the 10 o'clock mass - and that an extra hospitality session should be aware of their presence there.

The parish will be having a pancake breakfast in the Parish Hall the first Sunday of March, so that month is covered.

Consensus was to host the first Sunday of the month in April and May, for the three Sunday morning masses (not Saturday or Sunday evening). Based on the response, we can then determine if this will become part of the Council's regular duties.

### Action Steps

- Council members should stop in at this month's Hospitality Sunday and work with the parishoner's who are hosting, so as to learn how it. Maura and her family help host, so she shared some of her learnings (ordering, set-up, etc.).
- Sandy Maskell will follow-up with Council members for volunteers for the Sunday morning masses the first Sunday in April and May.
  - o 8:30am Mass: Moira
  - o 10:00am Mass: Keena
  - o Anchors: Charlie, Kathleen, Sandy

II. Dinner & Dessert

Three council members have volunteered to work on this project: Pat, Sandy, and Keena.

Discussion

Father Murphy wrote a letter to organizers of the St. Andrew the Apostle parish dinners - he hasn't heard back. Their names are Liz and Tim McCarthy: [718-833-5040](tel:718-833-5040). Pat will reach out to see if they are available to offer feedback.

The dinners at St. Andrews were held around their feast day. St. Saviour's feast day is November 9<sup>th</sup>. PPC members agreed this was good timing, once school was under way and not yet holiday time.

III. Deanery meeting

The Deanery meeting was rescheduled for March 25th at the former Immaculate Heart of Mary school building. Bill Cullen, Sue Walsh and Maura Lorenzen will attend in addition to the PPC volunteers, Kathleen, Gillian and Kerry (two lay leaders are requested).

**New Business**

IV. Academy updates

Maura Lorenzen, Academy Principal, reported out. It has been a very active time for the school, with re-registration for current students and new registration. Eleven people had visited that day - even without a tour. There is great interest in the community.

Two offices will be renovated / given a facelift during the winter break - and one room will be renovated to serve as a learning center.

The academy and board officials attended a John Jay College workshop on school safety and are now exploring ways to improve school security, including the use of alarms and cameras.

Teachers are taking advantage of a boost math program and preparing for "March Mathness" activities.

April will be time for strategic planning for the school.

Principal Lorenzen also said the school had a great Catholic Schools week with lots of spirit activities, from pajama days to mismatched clothing days and everyone had a great week.

V. Fund Development Committee

Father Murphy asked if anyone had volunteered for Margaret Schilling's group to explore fundraising opportunities - Sandy will check back to see.

VI. Other Discussion

Charlie Piggot suggested that one underserved group in the parish is the parents of School of Religion students, who would welcome an extra place to gather while waiting to pick up their children.

Andrew Hauser also mentioned the young families group had organized a social for parents by grade in the school library in the fall of 2012 and it was well attended.

**Action Steps**

Father Murphy suggested checking with Sue Walsh on parents using the school library on the alternate weeks from Hospitality Sundays. Andrew and Charlie could discuss the School of Religion outreach separately - possibly for launch in the fall.

VII. Next meeting

Discussion

The group discussed how to pursue a March focus on Spirituality - and agreed a focus on personal spirituality would be a good place to start before looking at the state of spirituality in the parish in April. Father Murphy offered to lead the spiritual reflection in the church building.

Shu-Fy suggested members then take a list of 10 questions about the state of the parish spirituality - the music, the worship, etc. - and have them answered as a springboard to discuss the broader parish in April.

**Action Steps**

Shu-Fy will work on the short questionnaire for distribution at the March meeting.

The group will also have read two books on parish life and spirituality for April.

Szymon suggested that the pictures of Parish Pastoral Council members be posted online on the parish Facebook page as a way to let people know who we are

We discussed nametags and the importance of other parishioners knowing who we are.

VIII. Wrap-Up: Closing Prayer

**REMINDER**

PPC meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month

March 11 A focus on Spirituality in the Parish: **IN THE CHURCH!**

April 8 Book feedback and questions

May 13