

St. Saviour
Parish Pastoral Council Minutes
November 11, 2014

Attendees: Fr. Murphy (chair for this meeting), Moira Bailey, Kerry Dineen, Jamie Gallagher, Andrew Hauser, Geri Anne O'Beirne, Szymon Radziszewicz, Kenna Saadeh, Frank San Pietro

Welcome | Opening Prayer

I. FriendRaiser WrapUp

The group shared overwhelmingly positive reaction to our first FriendRaiser – some 80 out of 100 guests were “glowing” as they arrived at the Parish Hall for the Dessert and Coffee portion of the evening, and many stayed until closing. The group agreed spring might be too soon for a repeat, but that next fall would probably work for our second event. Father Murphy noted plans for a parish anniversary gala will likely not overlap. The group agreed the fall timing seemed to work well and provided a “cozy” atmosphere for gathering. The dining room in back of the Parish Hall also served as an excellent additional host space and could be used as such again.

Action Steps

- Pat, Sandy and Kenna were due to meet to discuss what worked (or needed improving) from the event.
- Father Murphy suggested thank-you notes to hosts (already planned) and/or bottles of wine to each host. Szymon offered to deliver.

Old Business

II. Deciding on a PPC Chair/Secretary

The group learned that Shu-Fy has a new teaching assignment on Tuesday nights, and might not be able to make future meetings (or at least arriving late). Andrew Schilling also notified Father Murphy that he reluctantly won't be able to remain on the PPC due to work commitments. Moira and Kenna agreed to serve as co-chairs, which will accommodate any necessary sharing of duties or scheduling conflicts. Kerry Dineen offered to serve as a secretary/social media manager role in getting PPC meeting summaries posted after the fact. Realizing that Sister Valeria and Maura Lorenzen

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were inadvertently left off the November meeting reminder, Moira and Kenna will make sure they're on for the January meeting.

III. Hospitality Sunday

The group discussed the need for better messaging to improve attendance and awareness of the PPC's hosting on the first Sunday of every month - and the need for "anchors" to make sure all morning Masses are covered.

Action steps:

- Placing a sign in the narthex reminding Mass goers, and a reminder on the Parish Facebook page.
- Most effective is emailing Emily San Pietro ahead of Hospitality Sunday (by Friday latest).
- The group agreed on divvying the "anchor" spots and we have volunteers for December and January.

New Business

IV: Nametag Sunday

Geri Anne asked for help at the Masses to ensure nametags are stacked in pews and replenished as needed

Action steps:

- PPC members will keep an eye at Masses they attend. Father Murphy also suggested someone to help monitor and will connect to Geri Anne.

V: New Pastor

Father Murphy says the announcement is close, but we don't have a name yet – we should know something by Thanksgiving.

Other items

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Father Murphy shared news of our parish's expected contribution to a diocesan capital campaign that begins, with a pilot phase, this fall. St. Saviour would not be asked to join the campaign until much later, but the parish finance committee is already preparing a request to reduce the stated fundraising goal of \$645,000. Kerry has signed for the PPC.

VI: Wrap-Up: Closing Prayer

REMINDER

PPC Hospitality Sunday: Dec. 7, Jan. 4

PPC meetings are the **2nd Tuesday** of the month

NO meeting in December

January 13: Last meeting with Father Murphy