



CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We are Holy Family

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes of the Meeting held on **Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 7PM**

Present (in-person): Fr. Gerard Cooper, Jacquie Anderson, Heather Garman, Angela Possberg, Jacob Powell and Fay Santos-Vargas

Present (via Zoom): Bernie Klein

Regrets: Michael Collins, Willie Glassman, Garry Maier and A.J. Vicente

Opening Prayer: “Prayer to the Holy Family”

Motion to Adopt the Minutes

There were no additions/corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on March 8th, 2022. Fay made a motion to adopt the minutes. Heather seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor that the minutes be adopted as distributed.

Father Gerard’s Reflection

Father Gerard talked about the book called “Divine Renovation” by Father James Mallon. This book was written to help parishes become communities of discipleship bringing our parishes to life. Mallon challenges us to rethink our models of parish life, from membership-based communities to assemblies of disciples of Jesus who proclaim and share the good news with all peoples. This book turns to the Church’s many writings on evangelization and mission so as to articulate practical ways for injecting new life into our parishes. Father Gerard will be getting a copy of the book for each council member. We will have a retreat in the fall to discuss the book and share insights to help revitalize our parish.

Thursday adoration is growing with confessions being heard until 9PM. Attendance has gone from 10-20 people to 50-60 people.

Council’s Reflection

Several members shared the following: Divine Mercy Sunday was amazing and special – there was about 1000 people in attendance – it was a blessing to be able to attend all the Easter masses and each mass was well attended – nice to be able to move around freely – thankful for the

technology because being sick and unable to attend in person, there was the opportunity to view and connect with services in the Philippines and Rome and locally – attending the Chrism mass for the first time was a very moving experience.

Old Business

1. Financial Update – The finance committee is meeting next Tuesday. They will be posting a financial update on the website. The boiler issue is hopefully going to be fixed in the fall with 2 new boilers being installed with the expectation that they will last for at least 20 years.

The parish revenues are in the positive again for the first time since the pandemic began.

2. Synod Gathering Review – The diocesan portion of the Synod has concluded. Parishes and groups across the diocese have participated in this process to reflect on and experience “synodality”. The Synod Summit meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 18th, beginning with mass at 6:30pm followed by the meeting starting at 7:30PM. Everyone is invited to join Bishop Mark and members of our diocesan and parish Synod teams to hear more, either in-person or online. Thank you to everyone for helping out, especially: Margo, Victor, Ryan, Heather and Diane.

New Business

1. The Easter Celebrations and Divine Mercy Sunday were well-attended. Different ways of welcoming the newly baptized into the parish were discussed. We will continue to think and discuss how this can go forward. It was agreed that a personal invitation is very effective.
2. Cathedral of the Holy Family Mission process – Jacob, Heather, Angie and Father Gerard are looking at the diocesan plan and survey with the hope to accomplish a core belief and unique values – a one liner which stands the test of time – following the guiding star – focusing on the uniqueness of our “Cathedral” of the Holy Family.
3. Evangelization and Engagement Coordinator Position – Father Gerard has a job description for this position which will be posted on the website. This coordinator will train and raise up volunteer leaders – do a gifts inventory – support volunteers. This is a way of following through with the results of the survey.
4. Accompaniment through the Sacraments – We all agreed that this is important and needs to be discussed more.
5. Search – Ryan Leblanc is hosting Search every Tuesday at 7PM. All council members are invited to attend.
6. Youth Ministry for the fall – “Edge” which is facilitated by Face to Face, will continue next year. There was some discussion about getting moms together to help form small

groups. Three University students from our parish have completed the “Timothy Project” and hopefully they will be able to assist with this as well.

7. Parish Pastoral Council – nominations are now open. Three positions are opening. The members whose terms have come to an end are: Willie Glassman, Bernie Klein and Fay Santos-Vargas. Our next meeting will also be a social/supper gathering at the rectory to acknowledge our three departing members.

8. The “Quiet Room” at the back of the church was discussed. It was suggested that this room be turned into a “cozy” space that would lend itself more to hosting small group meetings (5-6 people). The process and feasibility was discussed with the first order of business being to check with the maintenance staff first.

Angie made a motion to establish the feasibility of modifying this room to make it more inviting. Fay seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

9. The Annual General Meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. There will be reports presented by the Finance Council Chair and Pastoral Council Chair. All council members are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, June 14th at 6PM at the Rectory.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25PM with “Glory be to the Father”.