

Parish Council Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, February 9, 2022

Josephene dedicates these minutes to God in gratitude for bringing Fr. Paul safely back home.

Present: Fr. Paul, Hailey, Edgar, Peter, Trevor, Katia, Cristina, Matthew, Corrienne, Bob, Josephene

Absent: Cathy, Fr. Jonathan

1. Hailey called us to order.
2. Fr. Paul led us in prayer to the Holy Spirit.
3. Minutes from last month were approved.
 - Josephene to send January 2022 minutes to Craig
4. Action Items reviewed.
5. A few PC members gave updates on specific ministries. For more details, please ask Josephene. Welcome to Corrienne, President of CWL, to PC!
6. The next Ministry Head Retreat will be during Lent, on a Sunday afternoon. Live or in-person will depend on Covid restrictions in effect at the time. Conversion remains the theme/topic. See Item 8 for more info.
7. Par-tay! Peter and Josephene quickly shared their idea of the parish hosting a “Welcome Home, Welcome Back” outdoor celebration dependent on 1. when Covid restrictions allow such a communal gathering and 2. when the weather is accommodating. PC members shared other ideas. Bob, on behalf of the KoC, offered the services of the Knights. Fr. Paul suggested possibly hosting the party in alignment with Parish Feast in September.
 - Josephene and Peter to continue formulating a more concrete plan and to create a budget with which to approach Finance.
8. Matthew shared what he and Cristina have since learned during the Testimonial training process. They envision this to be a long-term ministry, even creating a “bank” of testimonials that would be at the disposal of other ministries and events. For example, Cristina shared her testimonial with RCIA recently. The team also recognizes that the process is good for the individual as a personal experience. Testimonial training will be introduced to the Ministry Heads at the Lenten retreat. Matthew will give the talk on “testimonials” and Fr. Paul will talk about the importance of conversion. With only two coaches, presently, the team cannot take on a flood of individuals seeking training/process. It would be advisable to train future coaches. Starting Easter, the team hopes to host a testimonial once a month during Mass (with shorter homilies for these Sundays). Josephene thinks this is the bomb of our 2021-2022 year.
9. The hiring committee has received three applications for the role of Evangelization Coordinator. Cristina introduced the idea that the parish website needs to be more accessible, more navigable. Finance will be approached, with Jeremy Eckert, for investing in webdesign. Our website should reflect the parish mission.
 - Katia to bring up topic with Finance at their next meeting (March 2).
 - Cristina to approach Jeremy about the website.
10. Fr. Paul closed the meeting with prayer.
11. Next meeting: March 16, hopefully in the Hall. Stay tuned for updates.
12. Adjourned.