

SPCNC PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2026

Roles for This Meeting: **Facilitator(s):** Larry **Note Taker:** Teresina

Attendees: Katie, Larry, Teresina, Pam, Jim Grant, Richard, Joann Loforti, Val Rios, Rich and Mary Zanarini

Approve Minutes, Updates from Last Meeting:

- Facilitator calls for motion to approve minutes
- No quorum to approve February minutes; only 6 members present. (Pam, Katie, Teresina, Jim, Larry, and Richard)
- Corrections to minutes? - next meeting is April 16th not the 17th – correct that in the agenda/minutes
 - Note: this info was not the February minutes, no changes necessary.

Ministry Presentations:

- Caring for the Whole Person (Joann Loforti)
 - Initiative in response to law that came out in 2016 related to assisted suicide, California bishops response to support Catholics through faith journey, dying with dignity.
 - Supported by bishop - asked to visit other parishes, doesn't venture too far because there is no monetary support from the diocese.
 - Response from pastors hasn't been great
 - People who come want to hear about end of life issues; issues with aging
 - Topics have included Advance directives, palliative vs hospice care, healthy aging through healthy eating
 - Had talks at Faith Family & Friends - don't get a lot of parishioners, want higher attendance.
 - Valley resource caregivers - Oasis program; to give respite to the caregiver
 - "Healthy Aging" – putting more of a positive spin on it.
 - Planning next one in May; putting in Caring for the whole person.
 - 3 people in the ministry right now; want others to join, 'September – want more people help them with day to day stuff
 - Conduit to parishioners; once know info – hopefully they spread the info
 - Flocknote Katie sent out helped with attendance at last session, was in diocesan newsletter as well. Did have parishioners from another parish.
 - Advertise sessions on social media is another idea;
 - Want to reach out to people on prayer list; but need to be sure they are ok with that.
 - Larry – web streaming is a possibility or recorded sessions and put on the web for parishioners to view.- be careful regarding copyrighted material.
 - Handouts – people can't attend but want the handouts
 - CWPI – is being modeled here at the Newman Center; allows other parishes to see how it's done to implement

- QR code to put in other parishes bulletins for other parishes to attend/watch recording.
- Italian Catholics (Rich and Mary Zananini, Val Rios)
 - Mission – see handout with answers questionnaire
 - Must be Catholic to join, but don't have to be Italian
 - ICF is very happy with the Newman Center – feel very welcomed and supported here.
 - Gained 10 new members since they have been here.
 - Invite parishoners through bulletin; monthly meeting
 - Interested in talking with college students; would like to attract younger members
 - Give scholarships to graduating high school students, parent or grandparent must be a member of ICF to qualify. Katie sent info to Claretian Youth leaders to share with students.
 - participated in International food festival.
 - Branch 250 - members participate in St. Helen's and OLPH, Newman Center
 - Giving \$1200 to the food recovery program this year
 - Celebrate various church/saint days;
 - Goal: attract younger members; want to meet students at a Wed student dinner
 - Val joined last fall. Sees opportunity for ICF to join with other ministries;
 - Intergenerational; time, sharing heritage and faith
 - Make pasta with CCD students to bring intergenerational group together.
 - Possibly give gift cards to graduating college students
 - Tahoe Joe's fundraiser – went really well, will likely do it again.

Ministry Presentations Next Steps

- Volunteers needed to contact ministries
 - Sent out questionnaires, had 2 ministries at this March meeting
 - No ministries for April; but several in May
 - Contact ministries to give a personal invitation to complete questionnaire and/or sign up to present
 - SEEK and United San Joaquin– likely to present April;
 - Food recovery and community garden – can present in April as well, per Jim Grant
 - Sonya – created the flocknote sign up, just need to reach out to ministries we haven't heard from yet.
 - Will Pastoral Council meet in the summer? not enough people here to decide if we should meet in summer.
 - Pam; Larry, Rcan contact people to sign up.
 - Flocknote survey to pastoral council about meeting in summer – this will allow us to know whether to schedule people in June/July/August.

Next Meeting

- Next meeting - **April 16 6:00 – 7:30pm**

