

SPCNC PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

January 16, 2025

Attendees: Pat Hill, Francesca M. Eidson, Dan Nickerson, Ada Jimenez, Sonya Menapace, Edgar Guzman, Alberto Navarro, Pam Hays, Jim Nelson, Teresina Fagan, Larry Renner, Deacon David Gutierrez, Fr. Rubi Peter, Richard Lord, Hector Rodriguez, Katie Fleener, Chrysti Anderson, Christopher De La Cerda, Brother Richard Freitas

Opening Prayer

No Minutes were provided or approved from our December social meeting.

Reading and Small Group Listening and Sharing (Isaiah 61: 1-2:)

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me.
he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners,
to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God.

Underlined phrases were shared by Council Members on how this proclamation informs our work as the Pastoral Council.

Discussion of Strategic Planning Steps.

The results were the effort of people coming together to share and discern what they need for our church to provide them strategically.

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| - Parish Community Building (26%) | Faith Formation (20%) |
| - Fellowship/Hospitality (15%) | Community Outreach (10%) |
| - Liturgy (10%) | Family Support (9%) |
| - Welcoming 6% | Communication (4%) |

The discussion from the group was to focus on the top three areas that were discerned in the group discussions. However, there were some thoughts that some of the groups were similar and could be combined to better define what our focus would be. Some thoughts surround that were the following:

1. Combine Community building, Faith formation and Fellowship/Hospitality into our top initiative.
2. Others felt that the top 3 would be a good place to start and would create some success as a Pastoral Council is getting started.
3. None of these were taken to a vote so clarity may be needed to ensure our objectives is agreed upon moving forward.

Regarding strategy there was a lot of good discussion and ideas we can use to get this started.

They are summarized below:

1. Listening sessions
2. Surveys
3. Suggestion Box – paper and electronic
4. One on one with parishioners.
5. Engage ministry leaders.
6. Talking with people who attend mass – A table in the cafeteria to gather information from parishioners.
7. Various and different announcements
8. Tabling after mass
9. Finding leaders who can help us.
10. Flocknote
11. Bulletin
12. Web site, Facebook etc.

Proposed Next Steps

1. After much discussion it was decided that each person on the council would choose one of the top 3 areas to own. These assignments are as follows:

Community Building: Ada, Jim Nelson, Larry, Deacon David, Christopher, Richard

Faith Formation: Teresina, Chrysti, Alberto, Hector, Dan

Hospitality: Sonya, Edgar, Francesca, Hector, Pam

We discussed ways to update the parish on our progress. Ideas to accomplish this were:

Listening Sessions before and after Mass, Townhall Meeting, Your Two Cents Worth (email box for Pastoral Council to send thoughts/suggestions to), One-on-ones. In addition, we need a way to Display information: website, bulletin board, bulletin, plus FlockNote

Date to provide an update to the parish was discussed but nothing in my notes on a date we

defined.

Next Meeting Date **February 27th @ 6:45pm**

Facilitator for next meeting – **Larry Renner**

Notetaker for next meeting – **Teresina Fagan**

Dan provided the council with an update on the IAF foundation. The group was provided with handout on the Central Valley IAF organized by Kristine Hadeed. Their mission is to develop leadership skills in ordinary people to increase their effectiveness in public life which ultimately could help the council develop leaders needed to take on the work we identify as needed at the SPCNC. Future work is to set up some one-on-one sessions at the St Paul Catholic Newman Center. More discussion is needed to define how the IAF would work collaboratively with us to create leadership to make our initiatives successful.

Closing prayer

Meeting Adjournment – 8:35pm