SPCNC PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Notes

June 5, 2025

Attendees: Jim Grant, Gerry Wong, Katie Fleener, Sonya Menapace, Edgar Guzman, Francesca Eidson, Larry Renner, Pam Hayes, Jim Nelson

The meeting was called to order at 1851(6:51pm). Group provided some settling Time followed by the opening prayer.

Then Sonya read out loud the reading from Romans, Chapter 12, 9-12. After some reflection time Edgar read the same reading. This was followed by some reflection and then discussion at each table and then as a group. Discussion points from that discussion and discernment are summarized as follows:

This reading speaks about what happens when you don't like the people around you. The challenge is to be kind regardless of who it is.

Speaks to the commandments – different views and different group.

What did hospitality look like when this reading was written.

The council then moved on to the approval of the last meeting minutes – Motion to approve – Pam; Second by Edgar. Minutes were approved as submitted.

Sonya handed out buttons to the group. The objective is to wear them at mass or when working at the church. It is not a requirement but encouraged for the Council to make themselves visible and field questions they may encounter from the parish.

The next item discussed was a question about whether we are moving in the right direction as a council. Such as continuing to break into our small groups to work on specific work identified – Faith Formation, Hospitality/Fellowship and Parish community building. After some discussion it was decided to keep things as they are and revisit our approach in 3 months.

There was additional discussion around starting to invite parishioners to the council meeting so they could hear our discussion and see our progress. There was also discussion around posting approved minutes on the website for people to see and review.

A discussion occurred around needing clarity on the role of the council when it comes to Listening and doing the work that gets defined and prioritized by the council. It was discussed that listening is a very important part of the council especially as it relates to the Synodal process and ensuring that we make it a focus of our council. There was also some discussion

about the separate listening groups that were conducted and how or if those fit with the work the council is attempting to accomplish. It was felt by some that the work already identified should become our focus and prioritized with the parish to ensure we are doing the work essential to our faith community. It will be important to discuss this in greater detail and better define and prioritize the work and who will be doing the work for the council to move forward. We had already heard of some challenges from parishioners of feeling excluded from the Council which everyone agreed was not a position we wanted to place ourselves in going forward. Thus, a recommendation was made to add an agenda item to the meeting to allow for any council to parishioner conversations that may have occurred and how to respond to them. Additionally, there was discussion around what progress we have achieved and how we can best communicate that information to the parish so that they know what we have been discussing and working on. Some did express our lack or progress and how to have a conversation with parishioners on the work we are doing. We must be able to balance our spiritual approach with our business approach in order that we can achieve success by the council.

Discussion regarding the ministry fair occurred. It was identified that we have coverage for all masses on that weekend.

An information item was provided that we now have a greeter for the 7:30am mass. Alina – Granddaughter of Ruthina. Not 100% but an improvement over what we had.

No July meeting to be held.

Next steps

Meeting date- August 12 at 6:00pm

Larry - Facilitator

Francesca - Note Taker