

Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting  
Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish  
May 5th, 2022

Present:	Msgr Brennan	Gary Mitchell
	Alexis Finniss	Mary Ann Miller
	Emma McCabe	Rob Vella
	Leah Tahiry	Fr Matt
	Vanessa Valenzuela	Chris Haidon

Absent: Mike Lenahan

Staff Member: Sr. Lucy Clynes, DW

- I. Prayers for the Church In the Modern World
- II. Meeting Minutes Approved from April 7th
- III. Pastor's Remarks:

Msgr talked about the wonderful mission during Holy Week. The Triduum was celebrated fully and wonderfully. Things seem to be making their way back to normal.

Msgr mentioned that it was Father Matt's last meeting and thanked him for his presence among us. Msgr also thank everyone on the council for their work, and mentioned those rolling off the council. Msgr said he hopes to list all recommendations and make sure they are being worked on, then will report to the Parish. He wished everyone a great summer.

- IV. Committee Reports

**Adoration and the Sacraments–** Gary Mitchell had a handout and gave us an overview of the things they discussed but did not recommend based on what had already been done or was being worked on.

- 1) Their committee had one recommendation, which was to make First Communion a stand alone event. There was a lot of discussion on this but ultimately, the council decided that educating the Parish on what the event was now was a good idea.

The final recommendation on this, which was approved by the council to recommend to Msgr, was to include an event for the First Communicants, after their ceremony at some point.

**Communication–** Alexis Finniss did have a handout. They had a few recommendations, which are listed below.

- 1) Have a new website created along with guidelines for distribution of digital material for use by any volunteers and staff so that the overall marketing/messaging theme desired for the overall brand developed for the parish results in a cohesive final product. This was approved by the council to be recommended to Msgr.
- 2) Utilize current social media platforms to inform about scheduled events (church and school), advertise the gift shop, link to Catholic resources, evangelize, and ask how we can pray for you. This was approved by the council to be recommended to Msgr.

**Faith Formation–** Michael Lenahen did have a handout. They had a few recommendations, which are listed below. Each recommendation was approved by the council to be recommender to Msgr.

- 1) Schedule an evening adult Bible Study session one night each week for one semester to gauge interest.
- 2) Forward the request for a Bible Study for teens to the new Youth Director to consider.
- 3) Utilize the church bulletin and OLSS weekly updates to highlight the excellent Bible study programs available on FORMED.org
- 4) Schedule an outside speaker, once a year, to discuss the issue of raising a family in today's society, followed by a Q&A session.
- 5) Once a year, schedule an evening where an outside speaker can discuss recent government rulings & mandates that are contrary to our Christian moral teachings.
- 6) Rather than have a monthly Stations of the Cross (suggested recommendation), communicate that guides for Stations of the Cross are available for those who want it.

**Social & Fellowship–** Rob Vella did have a handout. They had a recommendation which was approved by the council to be recommended to Msgr.

- 1) The church hosts events like hosting a tailgate for away Jaguar games on the tv in the cultural center, an expanded Veteran's Day dinner, sightseeing in St. Augustine, international pot luck supper, casino night with play money, family bingo night, ice cream social, visit Guana reserve,

holiday trolley ride and night of lights tour, movie nights, and a Christmas bakeoff.

**The Mass**– Leah Tahiry did have a handout. They had a few recommendations, which are listed below. These were all approved by the council to recommend to Msgr.

- 1) That the expense and contingencies of renting or purchasing a bus for PAC be explored by our Finance Committee.
- 2) Determine if there is interest in having a youth Mass once per month by working with PCA staff, Young Adult, and Youth Ministry.
- 3) Have a series of talks by someone who has studied the changes brought about by Vatican II, as well as have an educational series on the Mass and how and why we celebrate the Mass as we currently do.
- 4) Communicate that there is a Sunrise Service offered in St Augustine

V. The status of all members was once again reviewed, who would be rolling off the Council and who had more time on their assignment.

VI. Closing Prayer