

Minutes from Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

December 3, 2018

Present: Father Stephen, Deacon Dan Sorady, Todd Garrett, Cristina Martinez, Brigida Monzon, Elizabeth O'Parka, Tony Bengco, Donnie Gardner, Steve DiLiberto

Excused: Louise Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm. Opening Prayer

Father Stephen attended the first Deanery Meeting on Nov. 27, 2018. St. Matthew belongs to Deanery 1. Dean will visit the parish at least once a year to review records and visit the Rectory so see if any renovations need to be made. Deanery will meet 4 times a year to support one another; 2 meetings will be a general meeting for priests; the other 2 meetings will be for Parish Bookkeeper, Finance Council Chair, Parish Pastoral Council Chair, Faith Formation Chair to share positive experiences with other parishes in Deanery 1.

Parish Ministry/ Committee Chairpersons to be contacted by a PPC Member who will serve as liaison between committee and parish council and report on committee activities. PPC members to contact Todd Garrett for Ministry/Committee assignment. Dr. Galvez, Assist Principal, to be asked to attend PPC meetings.

Official Commission of PPC members to take place on December 16, 2018 at the 9:00 am Mass. All PPC members are expected to be in attendance at this Mass.

Correspondence was received from St. Stephen, Martyr Catholic Church Parish Council regarding their desire to form a Parish Council Chairman's Committee of parishes in Tidewater to address the clerical sex abuse crisis in the Catholic Church. With Father Stephen's approval, a letter was sent indicating our interest in their endeavors.

Education Committee to be headed by Barbara Valmeo who will report to Oscar Rivera. Education Committee Action Plan: 1. Form Small faith community models for adult formation as follows:

- Book club model – all books/dvds/audiobooks approved by the Catholic Church through Oscar.
- Small groups that meet either at a church facility or at a home; they choose when & where & purpose of study
- Need to identify potential leaders; create a Faith Formation team to meet with Education Committee – Oscar to be Point of Contact and will seek approval of plans & schedule from Fr. Stephen and parish office

2. Barbara to distribute "Signs of Life" by Dr. Scott Hahn at all Christmas Masses and use the opportunity to identify possible faith group leaders through a post-card insert in book. Book review in Jan. 2019.

3. Monday night video series "Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother" began Dec. 3

Minutes from the PPC meeting of Nov. 3 approved and will be sent to Linda Cantwell in the parish office.

Todd and Donnie will review monitor in Commons Area to see if it can work w/ computer in sacristy.

Liturgy Committee meets every 1st Tuesday of the month.

Homework—How can we increase communication in the parish? (email? app?)

Next Meeting—Tentative Monday, Jan. 7, 2019 @ 6:00 pm.

Closing Prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.