

MINUTES PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

September 26, 2024

11 members (including 5 new members) and Fr. Dave present

Decisions on the logistics of our meetings

1. Day of week. Stay with 4th Thursday except November will be third Thursday
2. Length of meeting. One and ½ hours if needed, 7 to 8:30
3. Language. Simultaneous translation equipment would be ideal. Paul and Fr. Dave will explore what is possible.
4. Who will take notes? Kim was not present but spoke to Jack after the meeting and will take notes next time. Paul will translate into Spanish for the time being
5. We will no longer do check in with everyone but the chair will ask if anyone has something important s/he wants to share?
6. ISSUES RAISED BY MEMBERS:
 - a. Training on how to be a Pastoral Council member. Members should submit topics on which they would like more information to Jack and Peter before next meeting. Fr. Dave will provide written materials on the purpose of a Council.
 - b. The agenda in the future will list time allocations for each topic. Tom will assist the chairs as time keeper.

“Bringing the 9:30 and 12:30 Communities Closer Together” report

Members are to go over survey and come up with suggestions for revision at the next meeting. Maria Juan pointed out that we are three communities—9:30, 12:30, and Mayan

Duties inherited from prior Pastoral Councils

Thanks to Bev for coordinating 9:30 announcements and Rachael for coordinating greeters for second Sunday of each month at the 9:30. After the Pastoral Council member does the initial announcements, any group or individual may come to the Ambo or, if someone gives Bev a script in advance, the Pastoral Council member will read the announcement

Retreat planning. Nothing has really happened. Fr Dave will make an announcement at both Masses asking for volunteers who wish to plan a retreat.

Orientation to MACG Zoom. MACG have an online introduction to MACG 10/15 from 6:30 to 8 or 8:30. MACG would love to have Pastoral Council members attend. We don't know if it will be bilingual or not.

Jubilee Year. Pope Francis has declared the year ahead as a Year of Jubilee and the EcoJustice ministry believes that a Jubilee fits with the season of hope theme.

PC agenda topics for year

Discussion to be continued. Next meeting will have the Administrative Committee in attendance

Fr. Dave reported that there are 40 Hispanic young people in First Communion and 9 are in the 9:30 class, mostly from families new to the Parish. 25 St. Andrew/San Andrés youth are in the Confirmation class.

The Archdiocese wants to have one large confirmation. Is there a facility large enough? Some discussion about space at University of Portland.