

St. Francis de Sales Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

May 4, 2021

Attendees:

X Kathy Batdorf	X Maddie Frick	X Liz Gonzalez	Nikki Gorski
X Gloria Morales	X Patrick Perkins	X Sally Raphael	X Isabel Sans
X Cynthia Santiago	X Gabriele Segletes	X Diane Traube	X Denise Walsh
x Jim Wilson	Dan Zankowitz	Deacon Chuck Hoppe	X Deacon Carlos Morales
Deacon Jim Sullivan	X Fr. Jaime Garcia	X Martine Uveges	

The Meeting came to order at: 7:06pm

Opening Prayer: Diane led everyone in the Pastoral Council Prayer

Introduction of New Selected Member: Diane introduced Denise Walsh as the new Lead for Connections. Denise has been active in multiple churches, and she is excited for this new role. Denise, Jim W, and Diane met a week ago to learn more about the background of the Connections position. Diane said Denise will be great to connect with people and bring people back to church.

Approval of Minutes: Kathy clarified the vaccine registration was for those 16 and older. Kathy motioned to approve the corrected April minutes; Gabriele seconded; all approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

April Small Group Discussions: Diane asked people about their positive feedback or comments.

Jim W, Kathy, and Sally met: Sally said they discussed a campaign for raising money for parish resources. Jim W suggested this be done in early Summer, though Kathy and Sally preferred to wait until the Fall, when people may be in a better position to give for infrastructure that needs to be kept up. Fr. Jaime agreed to wait. Kathy noted that some groups listed under Service are no longer active. Jim W suggested, and Diane agreed, that the By-Laws should be looked at and updated.

Gabriele, Cynthia, Patrick, and Martine met: Gabriele suggested that Bingo start on a smaller scale, with people spaced apart, and with packaged snacks. It would bring in revenue and bring the community back together. Fr. Jaime said he met with Larry Shannahan and Suzanne Wilson a few weeks ago. We need to follow the diocese rather than the state guidelines, which are more conservative. We could do bingo with social distancing, though a bingo license is needed. Danny is working on this and will get back to Fr. Jaime.

Diane, Liz, and Nikki met: Updates are needed on parishioner information and the Technology Committee, which could be addressed by the Connections group. Liz suggested something in the bulletin could ask for parishioner email addresses and/or a form could be put on the web page. Diane suggested revamping the web page. Fr. Jaime thought a couple tables could be setup after Mass to gather parishioner information and also mention switching to online giving. Sally thought this was a great idea, since when she came on site to call families for the vaccine, she found wrong phone numbers

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or people had moved and were not in the parish anymore. Diane wondered whether SFdS has a pamphlet or notice in new neighborhoods letting people know that SFdS is the Catholic church.

Campus Reopening – Update and Next Steps: Diane thanked everyone for all their well thought out input for their ministry areas on the Campus Reopening form. The Council Executive Committee will review with Fr. Jaime next and then with the full council. Diane asked everyone to review the full Campus Reopening plan and make notes on what groups could meet soon or in the Fall and what actions should be worked on next. Some groups want new leaders. How could some of these actions be tied into the 5-Year Plans? A path forward will be devised.

NEW BUSINESS:

Schedule Council Meetings: Martine provided an updated schedule for the 2021-2022 Pastoral Council meetings. Meetings will continue to be the first Tuesday of the month following the Clergy meeting on the first Monday of the month. As usual, there will be no meetings in July and December. In April we discussed that with the vaccine availability, the Council could meet on campus in August or September.

Council Membership Resignation: Diane announced that Oscar Molina resigned from the Council. His elected position will be filled during the next election. Jim W noted there are still two open appointed positions. Diane will talk with Fr. Jaime, who is working on filling the appointed positions.

Parish Financial Position: In reviewing the SFdS financials recently sent out by Susan Pfarr, parish accounting manager, Jim W commented that the parish has been blessed and Fr. Jaime, Danny Cajigas, Liz Gonzales, and Susan have done a great job managing the parish through a very difficult time with the COVID pandemic. Attendance at Masses was down as well as revenue for the parish. Expenses were cut or reduced. Two PPP (Paycheck Protection Program) loans were obtained for \$250,000, and at least one loan has been forgiven. Fr. Jaime noted the current trend is very good with more people attending Masses and more people able to resume their monetary contributions to SFdS. Fr. Jaime acknowledged many people have helped the parish during this time and prays the positive trends continue.

Haiti Flamingo Fundraiser: Diane asked how the Flamingoes for Haiti fundraiser is going. Isabel shared that Diane Lewis has a SignUpGenius, which is half filled and going fine. Maddie added that weekend sign-ups are filled. Diane knows a couple people who have been “flamingo’d” for a good cause. Kathy “flamingo’d” the lawn of three foster children under the age of 6. When they awoke and saw this, they were encouraged. It was the talk of their day. Liz said 54 people are yet to be “flamingo’d”. With doing two a night, this could be seen for a couple months yet.

Danny Cajigas to be Ordained to the Diaconate: Fr. Jaime announced that Danny will be celebrating his first Masses as Deacon with us at SFdS on Sunday, May 23rd. The following weekend Danny will be at St. Margaret’s. Denise and Mike Walsh will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at the 10:30a Mass on May 23rd.

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Corpus Christi Sunday, June 6th: Fr. Jaime was delighted to share the special events for Eucharistic Adoration beginning Corpus Christi Sun, June 6th. The Archdiocese of Baltimore begins the Year of the Eucharist on June 6th. Fr. Jaime said Adoration would begin at Prince of Peace, and Deacon Chuck would lead a caravan of PoP parishioners to bring the Eucharist in his truck to SFdS at the end of the outdoor Mass on Sunday. Adoration, praise and worship, talks, and music would continue until midnight. Adoration would continue Mon at SFdS, Tues at PoP, and Wed at SFdS from 7-9p. The Eucharist would be exposed, and there would be music and little talks. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Outdoor Masses begin June 6th: Fr. Jaime announced that the first outdoor Mass of 2021 will be on June 6th and will honor graduates, who are encouraged to wear their cap and gown. The outdoor Masses would be every other Sunday and continue into October. They would be attached to an event, such as Pit Beef and Beer run by the Knights of Columbus on Father's Day, ice cream while watching the Pixar animated movie, *Coco*, and a taco bar with live music coordinated by the Youth.

COVID-19 Vaccinations at SFdS: Fr. Jaime was very happy to announce that SFdS will be a vaccination site on Sun May 16th from 12 noon to 4p. They will be prepared for 150 vaccinations. If 350 are registered by May 14th, they will bring enough vaccinations. Fr. Jaime wants the notice to go viral and have it be a driver for people to get vaccinated.

Job Interviews for Faith Formation / Youth Ministry Administrative Assistant for SFdS and PoP: Fr. Jaime reported that 11 people applied for this open position; interviews will be conducted next week.

Knights of Columbus Awards: Diane reported that the Knights of Columbus won 1st place in all 3 categories – Best New Event, Best Reoccurring event, and Best Overall. Congratulations!

Meeting Adjourned by Diane at 8:04pm

CLOSING PRAYER: Deacon Carlos said a closing prayer in thanks for a spirit-filled meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Martine Uveges, Secretary