

Minutes from the St. Gertrude Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2020

Present: Allen Stryczek, Forrest Ingram, Mike Tobin, Denise Goodman, Gail Smith, Fr. Rich Prendergast

Excused: Colleen Fulkerson, Donna Whalley

Observing Guests: Steve Matre, Jen Reyes, Roman Reyes

Opening / Gospel Reflection: The Council opened at 7:00. The observing visitors were welcomed. The Gospel for the following Sunday was read, followed by a reflection by Mike Tobin and sharing by council members.

Approval of Minutes: The Minutes for the November 21, 2019 meeting were approved, noting both the Minutes for the Council and the Minutes for the parish bulletin.

Council Membership Discernment Process:

Fr. Rich proposed that the parish could honor Norm Bowers for his many years serving on parish councils. All agreed.

All present engaged in a discernment process led by Fr. Rich. Time was spent reflecting on a list of prepared questions to help each PPC member and the visitors to identify their gifts and commitment to the council.

Each person shared their thoughts about the following questions: *What talents, strengths, and skills would I bring to the PPC? *What are my interests for the parish? *Do I have concerns about my membership on the PPC?

All council members expressed their interest in remaining on the Council.

The visitors, Steve Matre, Jen Reyes, and Roman Reyes, all chose to be a part of the PPC. They were welcomed enthusiastically.

Renew My Church:

Fr. Rich passed out booklets for the Renew process that the parish will use for the faith sharing groups during Lent. Several groups will meet after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses. Additional groups will meet at other times as determined by availability, including some evenings. Fr. Rich asked each PPC member to consider leading one of the groups. Parishioners will be signing up for these groups in the back of Church after Masses.

Fr. Rich also passed out a timeline for the Renew My Church process for St. Gertrude Parish.

Next Meeting: There was a brief extension of the meeting as the discernment process lasted until about 8:20. It was decided that the discussions about the commissions, the

parish listening process, and the new business would be put off to the next PPC meeting in February.

Closing: The PPC meeting closed with a prayer.