

Pastoral Assembly Meeting Note 7/31/2021

Introductions:

Those present introduced themselves to guest Greg Harder from the Knights of Columbus and the new Parish Secretary, Estefani Luevano.

Attendees:

Israel Alcaraz, Lynn Angeli, Stella Agudelo, Griselda Esparza, Letty Gutierrez, Gary Kramer, Kathy Leon, Jeanne Nelson, John Paneno, Mario Rodriguez, Arleen Rodriguez, Paul Schwarz, Estefani, Luevano, Greg Harder, Fr Aaron, Fr Jose

Update on COVID from the Diocese. Fr Aaron

- Then COVID Delta variant is having an impact in Santa Rosa. The bishop expressed that we need to be very careful. Though we don't have any firm changes to protocols, we still need to use hand sanitizer and we are encouraged to wear masks indoors. We can only strongly request people to wear masks and are not mandatory until required by Sonoma County and the CDC. Nonetheless, many businesses are requiring masks. People should also be encouraged to get the vaccine, but the choice is ultimately to the individual. A vaccinated person can still get COVID and have minimal symptoms, but they can spread it. We need to stay vigilant.
- Due to the Delta Variant, the procedure for visiting the Holy Eucharist in the Adoration Chapel at St Eugene's has changed. To reduce the risk of transmission, the chapel will limit the number of visitors by requiring them to reserve a time and get a code for entry. An announcement will be made at all masses this week. For more information, please check the St. Eugene's website.
- There will be no changes in the mass schedule. Daily Masses, Saturday evening 5:00PM English Mass and Sunday Evening 7:00PM Spanish mass will be in the church since the attendance at these Masses remain low. Sunday Masses with larger congregations will continue to be outdoors: 8:00AM (Spanish), 9:30AM(English), 10:30AM (English) and 1:00PM (Spanish).

Parish Ministries Presentations:

Community Life Ministry. (Lynn A., Paula could not make it due to illness)

- This ministry strives to strengthen community at the parish. Responsive to the Holy Spirit, we engage in the Resurrection Community with events and programs for the parish. (i.e., Presentations by Gene Hall, Burgers and Band, Advent Book Reading, and Lenten Reflections). If people want to be part of the committee, Contact Paula Hamilton or Lynn Angeli. The more people the better!

Process for Parish Ministries that Require Fundraising: A question was raised on the process of fundraising for individual parish ministries. The parish must follow this process to ensure financial compliance required by the Diocese. Fr Aaron clarified the Process as follows:

1. A form, available in the office, must be completed. The form will include the purpose and use of the funds generated.
2. The Pastor will review the form for approval.
3. Upon approval, the fund-raising will occur, all funds will be counted and consolidated by the a representative of the ministry.
4. The Representative will take the money collected from the event and bring it to the office to be accounted for in the parish financials.
5. The Office Secretary (Estefani) will give the Representative who brought the money a receipt.

The Spanish Community is having a retreat soon that sometimes results in donations. There was a concern on how to follow the above process for the retreat. **Israel** will set up a meeting with **Fr Aaron, Fr Jose, and Rick Rosa** to discuss and clarify the process for consistency.

Knights of Columbus (Greg Harder)

Greg presented that the Knights of Columbus is a fraternal men's organization whose primary purpose is to help the Pastor. The group started in the 1880s by Fr. Micheal McGivney. Service and charity are the heart of the Knights purpose. Founded to meet the needs of immigrants, refugees and families suffering from the death of a breadwinner, the Knights began as a small service organization and has grown into a worldwide financial and charitable organization. They also provide the opportunity for Catholic men to communicate with other Catholic men to talk faith challenges in today's world. The Knights of Columbus are independent and thus, not tied to any parish or ministry. They run their own financials and fund raising. The organization is very generous providing funds to charities and life insurance to members. The bishop is a member. For those interested, more information can be found on the website <https://www.kofc.org> or by contacting Greg directly through email (GregHarder@SBCGlobal.net) or Phone call (707-490-7790)

Proposed updates to the Bi Laws from the PA Constitution subcommittee (Paul, JJP, Letty, Stella)

John briefly reviewed the process and updates to Article 1 of the Bylaws. Copies of proposed changes were distributed in Spanish and English. Members of the Pastoral Assembly are to review these changes by August 7, 2021 and provide any concerns or feedback to the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will make the final changes which will be presented to the Parish via announcement at all masses, adding the changes to the bulletin and parish website.

As required in **Article VII: Amendments to the By-Laws**, parishioners will be invited to the next Pastoral Assembly meeting scheduled for **September 25th at 10AM** to officially ratify the proposed changes to Article I of the By-Laws by majority vote.

Additional Topic: Minister's in Charge

There was a question asked about Ministers in Charge and Acolytes for Masses. The concern was that during COVID, only a few male ministers have been serving. When can more women get back involved in this Ministry? Due to time constraints, **Fr Aaron and Lynn A** will have a separate meeting to discuss this concern and provide clarity.

Next meeting: **September 25th at 10AM.**

- **JJP** will add time limits to the next agenda topics to keep us on track.
- **Kathy Leon** will take care of snacks
- **JJP** will provide meeting notes to Fr. Aaron for the past few PA meetings.
- **Fr Aaron** will post these notes on the website.