

**Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
St. John's Cathedral Parish
December 7, 2016**

Pastoral Council

Kerry Ellen Elliott, Chair

Justin Malsam, Vice Chair

Brad Jahn, Secretary

Miguel Duarte

Gigi Ferreira

Alfonso Leon

Matt McGarry

Angela Moran

Adam Pereira

Gordon Pirrong

Jake Timmons

Daniela Ysursa

Members Absent

Miguel Duarte

Jake Timmons

Brad Jahn

Miguel Duarte

Alfonso Leon

Daniela Ysursa

Rector

Fr. Jerry Funke

Staff

Oralia Lorenzana

Deacon Tom Dominick

Guests

Paula Coulter

John O'Hagan

Terri Camaniti

1. **Call to Order by Chair:** 6:30 PM
2. **Opening Prayer/Spiritual Message:** Matt McGarry
3. **Approval of 10/2/16 Minutes:** Matt McGarry moved to approve the minutes and Justin Malsam seconded: Motion was carried.
4. **Rebuilt:** Paula Coulter, John O'Hagan and Terri Camaniti of the Stewardship Council were present for the joint meeting with the Pastoral Council as the two councils continued to work jointly to address parish issues using the Rebuilt text, workbook and other resources coordinated by Oralia. The meeting focused on a review of Chapter 2 strategies and a discussion of Chapters 3 and 5.
 - a. **Review of Chapter 2 and implemented strategies:**
 - The group decided to pilot suggested liturgical changes to the Mass at the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass only, due to time constraints at other services. This includes, but is not limited to, inclusion of a children's liturgy which Teresa Wittry is researching. Baptisms and special group recognition can be considered for this service.
 - Matt McGarry volunteered to initiate nursery/small children care during the 10:00 a.m. Mass only. He requested that staff apprise him of any legal or training requirements prior to commencement of nursery care.
 - Larger musical groups have been scheduled to serve at various Masses. It is anticipated that use of a variety of musical groups will increase.
 - Angela Moran updated the group on the status of coffee hours following 8:00 and 10:00 Mass. She has received a favorable response, but reported 8:00 Mass attendees contribute more to the

service than the 10:00 attendees, despite a higher number of attendees at the 10:00 service. She has moved the service to the basement due to weather. All members of both councils were encouraged to attend and interface with attendees, reinforcing the goal of fellowship. It was also suggested that other ministries give a brief introduction at this service as an opportunity to bring awareness of their ministry to the attendees. Angela may schedule breakfast for January for parishioners, focused on meeting newcomers. The group agreed she needs help and support to continue this effort.

b. **Discussion of Chapters 3 and 5:**

--The group listed various elements that describe the parish demographic for the purpose of identifying "who we are" as a first step toward directing parish growth efforts. The parish is viewed as two distinct populations—Hispanic and the remaining majority. The Hispanic population may live outside the church boundaries, is younger, blue collar, junior high educated and more likely to live within their community of family and friends than engage in parish ministries. The majority population lives within the church boundaries, is older, white collar, post high-school educated and more likely to be action oriented and engage in parish ministries. The older population is generally mobile, active, generous and healthy. There also exists a sub-group of single, divorced or widowed parishioners. Attracting and keeping young adults or young families is a current challenge. The group agreed that Boise is unique and offers many opportunities for diversion to sports/entertainment, outdoor activities and travel that compete for parishioner time, talent and treasure.

c. **The Rebuilt discussion will continue at the Stewardship Council meeting on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m.**

5. Rector's Report: Fr. Reported on the following items:

--OSV—Commitments have reached \$118K annually (\$12K from new sources); Fr. is optimistic that commitments will be sustained, as most of the total comes from existing parishioners; thank-yous and follow-up letters have been sent; so far there have been 165 responses to the campaign; OSV has concluded its contractual obligations.

--Maintenance—Fiber optic cable is laid that will facilitate installation of the security system and improved wifi signal.

--Staff Changes—Alex Street and Roberto Amieva have resigned to pursue full-time positions; Deacon Mack Chester has accepted a position at OLR; replacements are being sought; Fr. Funke, Teresa Wittry and Oralia will attend the Catholic Cathedral Conference in January.

--Events

- Religious Ed. will host "Christmas Around the World" on 12/16.
- Bishop Christensen will celebrate Mass on 1/9 in recognition of the Idaho Legislative session that begins that week. This is an invitation only event, followed by a catered breakfast.
- The Cathedral steps project will be considered before the Idaho Preservation Commission on 12/19.
- Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration is this week.

--Other Business—Members queried the status of the St. John's book project. It was reported that it is still being edited, so the publishing date is unknown at this time; the Interfaith Service was well-attended and members were encouraged to take advantage of community events at St. John's; members

queried bulletin readership and were informed that the print number will be reduced as e-bulletins increase.

Respectfully submitted by Kerry Ellen Elliott, chair