



**St. Ann Catholic Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 27, 2023**

- Members:** Father Peter Grace, Karen Blair, Laci Conrad, Francisco Cucue-Campos, Hatciri Lopez, George Lozano, Anne Miller, Catherine Orji, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Yolanda Sanchez, Stephanie Satkowiak, Ruth Silva, Sean Skelly, John Steigmeir, DJ Venne
- Recording Secretary:** Laci Conrad
- Members Excused:**
- Members Absent:** Catherine Orji, Hatrici Lopez
- Youth Members:** Ashley Ramirez (not present)
- Guests:** Jenni Vasquez, Diocelin Vega Castaneda
- Opening Prayer:** Anne Miller

**Approval of Minutes:** After quorum was achieved, the **Minutes from January 9 2023** were addressed. Motion made by Anne Miller to approve the January 9, 2023 minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Stephanie Satkowiak.

**John Steigmeir shared a prayer from Mother Theresa**

**Youth Ministry updates from Jenni Vasquez:**

- The Young Adult ministry is going great. We have had some in depth and meaningful discussions within our gatherings. This has provided these young adults with a sense of community. They invite each other to mass, adoration, and recently are coming to the Stations of the Cross together. During their last meeting they gathered for breakfast and talked about what kind of Lent they want to have this year. Their next meeting is on Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> which will begin with the stations of the cross followed by dinner and a game of bowling at Rainbow Lanes in Clayton.
- The High School Youth group has at least 3 to 5 new teens each youth night. Numbers are growing which means that we are seeing the need to head in a new direction. I will be sharing our new ideas as we continue to pray, discern, and make changes.
- The middle school youth group has run into a wall. While this group only meets twice a month many teens who used to come have stopped coming. For many it is the issue of trying to fit dinner, homework, chores, and parents' schedules into the week. We will continue to make personal invitations to parents of middle school students in hopes that we build this youth group back up.



- On Saturday, February 25th we had our 1st and 2nd year confirmation retreat. We had 220 teens attend and over 20 volunteers showed up to help. Volunteers consisted of confirmation catechists, parents, young adults, teens, and priests. We had faithful speakers from around the diocese that were able to share a teaching and a personal testimony. We also had worship and attendance from parishioners in churches around the Burlington area. It was truly beautiful to see so many gathered to support our confirmation students. During this day they enjoyed icebreakers, worship music, speakers, confession, small groups, adoration, and mass.

- Now that we are heading into the end of the confirmation year, I am gearing up for the grand day Confirmation Mass. This year Bishop Zarama will not be joining us. Our celebration will take place on Friday, April 14th at 6PM. We will have approx. 100 students receive their sacrament that day. Please pray for them as they enter the adulthood of their catholic faith.

- All our youth are super excited for this summer. Each year we have so many activities lined up for them from Novena fun, retreats, day trips, and so much more. This year will be no different. I am currently working on a few projects for each group that I oversee. I hope to have at least one day trip for each age group. More details of this to come in a few weeks.

### **Updates from Diocelin Vega Castaneda**

#### **Adoration**

Diocelin is working with others on getting the app setup to schedule silence versus chanting/singing during Adoration. This will be setup for the next adoration in April.

#### **Mexico Trip**

Diocelin shared her experiences in Mexico including the many places they visited such as churches and the traditions that follow. They learned about the Diesmo, which is the equivalent of our BAA. Their experience included the morning daily prayer with 18 Passionist priests in the retreat center.

Following is a list of other items Diocelin shared with the council:

- One of the traditions in Mexico is that if it is your first time at a church, you had to buy one another a flower crown and put it on each other, meaning that we were the sponsors who presented each other to Christ in that church in Chalma.
- We learned that churches belong to their deanery, so priests only go on the weekend there and that's it. If they want to do something in the parish, they must get permission from the deanery.
- We learned that for a columbarium spot, you have a contract that your family members must pay every 30 years to keep your urn in the niche, otherwise the urn will be put in the row where the numbers are and that's it. There is also a yearly maintenance fee for the niche. The church must give half of what they charge for the niche to the government.
- There are only 2-3 baptisms in a month, and only about 25-30 students for communion, and about 5-10 for confirmation.
- Due to Covid, it's been hard for the people to come back to the church.
- The Passionist in Escandon celebrate 10 masses on the weekend.
- We learned a lot about the culture and traditions in Cuernavaca and Escandon. We also found out that our hometowns in Mexico are so different compared to Cuernavaca and Escandon.



- Thanks to Father Peter, we went into places that we wouldn't have been able to go in if we would've gone by ourselves.

**Evangelization**

Diocelin is working with Patrick Ginty to organize a retreat for the ministry leaders and in the future for the whole parish. She has also secured photography dates for a parish directory. The dates are March 28th to April 1st and this is at no cost to the parish.

**BAA**

There was a Giclee (special printing technique) painting sale which resulted in \$836 for the campaign. Thanks to Mrs. Peggy Wickham for the donation of paintings. We just got the report from the diocese, and we so far have a little over \$22,000 raised and received. Diocelin will continue to provide regular updates on our campaign effort.

**Finance Update 2023 (Dean Penny)**

Dean shared the financial updates (end of January 2023) as follows:

St Ann Catholic Church 2022 - 2023 Thru Jan Financial Summary Report			
	2022/23 Budget	Budget - Thru Jan	Actual - Thru Jan
<b>Operating Budget</b>			
<b>Revenues</b>			
Total Offertory	\$ 1,288,000	\$ 751,333	\$ 619,266
Total Revenues	\$ 1,572,000	\$ 941,083	\$ 919,423
<b>Expenses</b>			
	\$ 1,317,975	\$ 768,708	\$ 806,384
<b>Non-Operating Budget</b>			
<b>Revenues</b>			
	\$ 591,850	\$ 345,246	\$ 352,979
<b>Expenses</b>			
	\$ 845,050	\$ 492,946	\$ 338,800
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,163,850</b>	<b>\$ 1,286,329</b>	<b>\$ 1,272,402</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 2,163,025</b>	<b>\$ 1,261,654</b>	<b>\$ 1,145,184</b>
Surplus / Deficit	\$ 825		\$ 127,218
Average \$Expenses/Family	\$ 601	\$ 350	\$ 318

**Facilities Planning Committee Survey (Dean Penny):**

St. Ann's has seen steady growth since 2001 as indicated below.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Registered Families</u>
2001	500
2005	731
2010	1,423
2015	1,616
2020	2,808
2022	3,594

Using these historical numbers, we expect that by 2026 we will have 5,000 registered families and by 2030 we will have 6,000 registered families.



Dean and the Facilities Planning committee have begun to explore what facilities are needed to accommodate this growth and the council viewed the master plan. Discussed were the potential expansion of the sanctuary, parking area, offices, social hall, and classroom building. The council members all participated in a draft "Facility and Ministry Survey" and provided feedback which will assist the Facilities Planning committee with finalizing the survey for distribution to the entire parish.

**Parish Council Elections (Anne Miller):** Anne shared updates for the 2023 pastoral council elections. She noted that all current members have a responsibility to assist. She encouraged all council members to begin thinking about people to approach so they may self-nominate. Anne suggested approaching people to self-nominate as this will encourage increased participation. The nomination form has been updated and potential candidates can submit their information to an email address specifically designated for the election. The paper copy of the nomination form is in both English and Spanish. Hard copies will begin to be distributed to interested parishioners.

Anne shared the following dates/information:

- The following members terms are expiring Laci Conrad, Hatrici Lopez, Catherine Orji, and Sean Skelly
- The elections will be held the weekend of May 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>. This includes absentee ballots, etc.
- There are 4 elected seats that are expiring + the remaining year that remains on Yolanda's seat (
- The self-nomination period is March 18<sup>th</sup>- April 17<sup>th</sup>. Once the self-nomination period ends, it leaves one week to collect bio's and pictures. According to the council by-laws this information has to be put in the bulletin for two weeks before election weekend.

### **Migrant Workers (Ruth Silva)**

Migrant workers start arriving next week, 3/6. Ruth needs assistance with getting supplies for the workers. Dean noted that his wife, Cathy will be assisting with the Food Pantry ministry. Kevin noted that the Knights will also provide support. Anne suggested purchasing small toiletry kits on Amazon (\$50 for 25 kits) and that there are ways to be creative in supporting the workers and this ministry.

### **Safety Committee (Kevin Pilotte)**

Posed the following questions/comments:

- He noted there were traffic/gridlock issues on Ash Wednesday. Father Peter noted that they are aware of this issue and working on solutions.
- Kevin stated that the DOT completed the intersection turn around ahead of time and this is assisting with increased order after all masses.
- Kevin made an inquiry regarding graffiti that was found in the bathroom. Father noted that camera footage has been viewed and inquiries have been made to gain further information.

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### **Other Business:**

Francisco noted we have a forklift on the campus to assist with caulking of the sanctuary and to troubleshoot the reason the light is not working at the top of the church (outside).

John Steigmeir invited all the council members to the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month devotion that he and his wife lead.

### **Remarks from the Pastor:**

March 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a parish retreat lead by Dr. Le 10:30 a.m.

March 9<sup>th</sup> 6:00 (second Thursday of the month) there is a new ministry, "Getting to know your brothers in Christ". Dean leads this group and there are about 25 members of all ages.

March 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> the Deacons of our parish will be preaching. Mike Miller is our new Deacon from Spokane, Washington.

March 20-22<sup>nd</sup> are the dates of the Deacons mission. This is an informal opportunity for parishioners to meet them, learn about their faith, ministry, and vocation.

March 23<sup>rd</sup> is our parish penance service.

Father noted that having conversations (council and planning committees) about our growth as a parish is important. Father has invited Michael Wengenroth from the diocese to our parish to hear more from the ground floor about the needs of our growing parish.

Father appreciates the involvement of groups that are a great blessing to the church especially as we connect our own personal interests to support various ministries.

### **Closing Prayer: Fr. Peter Grace**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

**Next Pastoral Council Meeting** will be **Monday, March at 7 p.m.** in the Learning Center Room 208.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Laci Conrad.