



**St. Ann Catholic Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 9, 2023**

- Members:** Father Peter Grace, Karen Blair, Francisco Cucue-Campos, Hatciri Lopez, George Lozano, Anne Miller, Catherine Orji, Dean Penny, Kevin Pilotte, Yolanda Sanchez, Stephanie Satkowiak, Ruth Silva, Sean Skelly, Father Tom Dugan
- Recording Secretary:** Stephanie Satkowiak
- Members Excused:** Laci Conrad, DJ Venne
- Members Absent:** John Steigmeir
- Youth Members:** Youth Member Not Present
- Guests:** Deacon Ken Bandiera, Jenni Gonzalez
- Opening Prayer:** Father Tom Dugan

Approval of Minutes: After quorum was achieved, the **Minutes from November 21, 2022**, were addressed. Motion made by Kevin Pilotte to approve the November 21, 2022 minutes as presented. Motion was seconded by Karen Blair.

Youth Ministry Update: Jenni Gonzalez presented on the Search Training Retreat which occurred the weekend of January 7-8, 2023. There was a large presence by St. Ann with almost all the teen volunteers being from St. Ann. Many of the participants from other parishes expressed their pleasure at seeing St. Ann return to the retreat. Many students presented testimonies regarding their own struggles with drugs, alcohol and depression. The next retreat is scheduled for May 4, 5 and 6, 2023 in Ayden, North Carolina. Registration will be in the bulletin.

Jenni stated that the young adults group is flourishing and is not self-governing. They have come up with concrete challenges for each other and, most recently, have connected with the young adults group in Raleigh. They are working on a collaborative hike when the weather permits.

The middle and high school youth group is planning on attending the March for Life events being held in Washington, D.C. and Raleigh. An informative meeting was to be held on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Claire Williams gave a testimonial on her abortion experience with the group, and a larger discussion was planned on the meaning of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*.

Jenni and her team are working on a confirmation retreat with a rescheduled date of February 25, 2023. This is a day-long retreat with plenty of help from the high school students. Currently, there are 225 registered teens, and the team will need help from the parents of the confirmands for this retreat. A planning meeting will be scheduled soon. Of the 225 registered teens for confirmation, 105 are to be confirmed this year, and 120

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are first hear confirmation students. Jenni made an appeal for additional catechists to assist with confirmation classes.

Stewardship and Development Update: Diocelin Bega Castañeda was unable to attend the meeting but submitted her report which was read into the record by Sean Skelly. A cop of that report is attached to these meeting minutes.

A question was submitted for Diocelin's consideration, which is "Is any outreach being conducted to new members to obtain commitment cards?"

Finance Update: Dean Penny offered that there was nothing new to report since November.

Campus Maintenance and Safety: Kevin Pilotte updated the council on the timeline for the new intersection on Business 70. The NC DOT hopes to break ground for that intersection in the second quarter of 2023.

Kevin stated that the Knights of Columbus had generously provided three new flags which were blessed at the 12:10 mass and are currently flying in the circle drive between the church and the parish center. The Papal flag was donated by Tom Goff in loving memory of his brother-in-law.

We have a new part-time campus maintenance person who will be working with Cesar to address needed fixes on our campus.

Community Needs Assessment Update: Stephanie Satkowiak provided an update on the needs assessment by stating that a committee was being formed that was representative of our church family and that committee, once formed, will be meeting to draft surveys to submit to parishioners. The goal of the needs assessment is to determine how the parishioners envision our church community for the next decade.

Remarks from Father Tom Dugan: Several points of concern were raised by Father Tom, and a summary of his concerns I attached to these meeting minutes.

Remarks from Father Peter Grace: The maintenance issues raised are being worked on. He asked for patience during this process because many of the delays are due to restrictions and problems that are outside of our control, for example vendor issues and supply chain issues.

Catherine Orji suggested an action item list that could be submitted to the new maintenance team and a progress report on these issues could be conducted at each PC meeting. Father Peter stated that email was the best way to convey issues and concerns to the new maintenance team and again stated that the issues would be addressed it just would take some time.

Dean Penny provided that the new maintenance coordinator was Fred Forthover, who came with a wealth of experience in a maintenance role for the Wake County Public Schools. Fred would be working 8-10 hours per week.

Father Peter stated that the NCYC retreats are very powerful and any funds from the parish spent in support of these retreats was certainly money well spent.

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Soon there will be a planning committee established to prepare for the 100th anniversary celebration of the Diocese.

Father Peter commended Jenni on her efforts at finding funding for the youth group events, and Jenni stated that she does her best to fund raise and use generous donations from the parish wisely to allow as many students as possible to attend youth group retreats and functions. Some students even attended from Our Lady of Guadalupe in Newton Grove.

The staff retreat to Mexico was being considered again as there are three staff members who wish to partake in the training offered. The costs are \$250 per person for a week, and this cost includes room and board. The training attended fills a parish need in that it maintains our relationship with the Passionists in Mexico so we can get priests to assist our parish, and the training helps our staff to understand what issues face our parishioners from this region of our world. A suggestion was made that teams returning from Mexico could give the PC a report on what they observed and learned so we all can work together better as a parish.

Father Clemente will be arriving on Thursday, January 12, 2023 to serve our parish as a visiting priest.

Remarks from Deacon Ken Bandiera: Deacon Ken stated that he was very pleased to attend the meeting and was thankful he was invited. He updated us on the bereavement ministry which is in its third week now. Deacon Ken also indicated that scheduling for the alter servers was a challenged and he was open to suggestions.

Sean Skelly asked if adults could serve in this capacity, and if so could we make an announcement after mass indicating as much.

George Lozano stated that he would be more than happy to assist in filling any gaps in alter servers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers or Sacristans by reaching out to the Hispanic Community. This would be a great way to bridge the gaps in our parish family. George suggested that we need to craft a better communication structure as resources are available, there just needs to be outreach for those resources.

Sean Skelly thanked everyone for coming.

Jenni Gonzalez invited everyone to come to the Parish Center on February 8, 2023 at 6 pm to greet the new teens in the youth ministry.

Father Peter gave the closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Next Pastoral Council Meeting will be Monday, February 20, 2023 at 7 p.m. in the Learning Center Room 208.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Stephanie Satkowiak.