

Ministry Council Minutes
Monday, November 29, 2021

Beth Siesel opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00.

Council Members in attendance:

Monsignor Dennis Mikulanic, Pastor
Beverly Rossio, Chairman; Mother's Spirituality
Jarvis Nolan, Secretary; Ecumenical/Interreligious

Kathy Lunardi, Parish Health Ministry
Ken Flink, Men's Club
Mary Comaratta, Receptions
Sandra Strong, Greeters
Mary Ann Scott, EM Homebound, Women's Fellowship
Beth Siesel, Walking with Purpose, Altar Server Scheduling

Susan Van Winkle, Yarn Ministry
Lee Haney, Holy Innocents Hospital
Elmira Roque, St. Vincent de Paul

Minutes of the Last Meetings (09/27/2021)

Beverly presented the minutes of the last meeting for approval. The minutes were approved as distributed.

The Chairman's Report:

Upcoming Events: Details can be found in the minutes or in the reports file:

December 4, Women's Fellowship Christmas Tea
December 5, Santa Sunday
December 7, Anointing of the Sick, 12 noon
Penance Service, 7:00 p.m.
December 9, Sidewalk Counseling, Legion of Mary, every Thursday, 9:30-11:00
December 12, Knights of Columbus Breakfast
Lessons and Carols, 6:00 p.m.
December 25, Christmas Day
December 30, Delivery to Rachel's House, Youth Ministry
January 2, Knights of Columbus Breakfast
January 25, Catholic Moral Teachings on End-of-Life Issues
January 29, Advance Health Care Directive
February 2, Poway Interfaith, Harmony Week Breakfast, Mainstream Café, Poway, 7:15 a.m.
February 19 to March 5, Interfaith Shelter

Ministries requesting new members: Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound; Lectors; Altar Servers; Choir; Caring for the Whole Person; Young people for Saint Vincent de Paul new chapter.

The following are reports from individuals in attendance. For best results, the reports should be read alongside the full reports in the attached file "Ministry Reports Nov 2021.docx"

Men's Club: The setting up for Santa Sunday will begin this Wednesday, December 1.

Ushers: Sign-up sheets for the Christmas services will be available next Sunday. All Masses have full-time captains. No preferred parking or seating this year at the Christmas services as there was no Pentecost Festival auction.

St. Vincent de Paul: They had their Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive to replenish the food pantry at Holy Family. Collections during Thanksgiving Day Mass were generous and given to the Society. There is also a plan to have an invitation to serve next year to increase the numbers of members. They are planning to get guidance from St. John's Mini Vinnies before starting a program for youth. Scouts weekend will take place in February.

Greeters: Sixty people are now greeting. Several families have joined in the past few months. The schedule is in place for Christmas Masses.

Welcoming Committee: Thirty guests attended the recent newcomers reception. The next reception will be in April.

Receptions: There are eleven in the group. Four receptions have been served since our last council meeting. Posters are displayed in the narthex of the church of scheduled funerals if the families provide the pictures

Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound: There are two teams with eight members on each team. We are visiting approximately fourteen private homes and doing two services at Remington. We need four additional members. A video promoting this ministry will be available on the parish WEB site.

Women's Fellowship: The Christmas Tea is Saturday, December 6, at the Bernardo Heights Country Club. One hundred and seventy women a mix from San Rafael and Saint Gabriel attended the Gratitude and Thanksgiving Retreat on November 13. Bingo and many other events are planned to begin in January 2022.

Caring for the Whole Person: Over two weekends in October, six parishioners completed the five training modules for the Caring for the Whole Person Initiative at the diocese. Two classes will be offered in January. The first will be on Catholic Moral Teachings on End-of-Life Issues on January 25, 2022. The second will be on Advanced Healthcare Directives and the POLST Form on January 29, 2022. Preregistration will be required for both classes. There is a request to have Monsignor give his class on funeral planning. When planning end of life issues, it is advised to discuss with family members. They have also collaborated with the Yarn Ministry on various projects over the past few months – their members have made knitted or crocheted beanies and lap blankets which have been distributed to several terminally ill parishioners.

Altar Servers: We currently have 36 young people serving. More continue to join. More are always welcome. The Christmas schedule is being completed.

Walking With Purpose Bible Study: Forty-two women are doing the Book of John.

Yarn Ministry: people from other parishes have joined. Refugees are arriving in tee shirts and shorts and need warmer clothes. Catholic Charities has a project going to provide warmer clothes. This parish will work together to collect clothing to give to refugees as needed.

Holy Innocents Hospital: At this time there are sixty-nine employees all Ugandans. There are eighty-nine beds, twelve are in the surgical center. One hundred and eighty oxygen tanks have been installed and paid for. The last project is the babies ward which will have twenty spaces for the babies and twenty beds for the mothers

Four-and-a-half million dollars was raised for the hospital. It is estimated that half of it came from San Rafael. The generosity of this parish was recognized and thanked. The children's hospital has been providing medical care to the children of Mbarara, Uganda who are twelve and under

since July 2009. In that time, more than 52,000 children have been admitted to the hospital and an additional 250,000 have been treated at the out-patient clinic.

Ecumenical/Interreligious: World Interfaith Harmony Week, the official UN observance, is the first week of February. The Poway Interfaith Harmony Breakfast will take place February 2, 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., at the Mainstream Cafe in Poway. More details coming!!!

Pastor's Report: It is time to schedule a Ministry Fair in the near future. All organizations will be encouraged to be involved. The staff will decide the date.

Eva Hayek has been hired as Religious Education Receptionist.

Work will soon begin on refurbishing the eleven-year-old administration building. An example will be the replacing the carpeting with flooring.

The results of the Pray, Receive, Serve Offertory campaign will be available soon. The deadline for the commitment card is Sunday, December 19. The amount needed each week for the maintenance of the parish is \$29,704. Payroll Protection and the Annual Catholic Appeal rebate helped with finances over the past two years.

Attendance at Mass is increasing.

Christmas Masses will be back to normal. The schedule has been mailed out.

Christmas Eve:

4:00 in Parish Hall

4:00 in Church

6:00 and 10:00 both in Church

Christmas Day:

8:00 and 10:00 in the Church

A Holy Hour of Thanks was Monday before Thanksgiving. Deacon Mike will lead a Holy Hour of Hope on December 13. Possibly, the church will be open for a Holy Hour the first Monday of each month.

The Pope has called for a Synod on Synodality to be held in October of 2023. Synodality means consultation, listening, developing and implementing. Every diocese world-wide will have a Synodality. When we get direction from the bishop, it will reach down to the parishes for input. In this parish our ministries will meet to discuss as to what is needed for their ministries. The information will be gathered by each to be formulated by the clergy and sent to the diocese.

(Note from Scribe: the diocesan WEB link on the Synodality in this diocese can be found:

<https://www.sdcatholic.org/office-for/evangelization-and-catechetical-ministry/power-of-encounter-church-to-begin-consultation-of-faithful/>

Of interest on this WEB site is the opening Mass and the bishop's homily, the links to the diocesan Synod Commission, and minutes of their first meetings)

Council dates for 2022

January 31

March 28

May 23

September 26

November 28

The next Council meeting will be 7:00 p.m., January 31, 2022, Room G.

Monsignor closed the meeting with prayer in leading the Hail Mary in honor of The
Immaculate Conception and Our Lady of Guadalupe.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jarvis Nolan, scribe