

**Collaborative Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday 2/21/2022 via Zoom**

Attendees: Father Jim, Carolyn Anderson, Kelly Meraw, Mary Campion, Dorene Christie, Odessa Sanchez, Julie Byrne, Eugenia Kennedy, Mary Mullen, Rosemary Donahue, Michael Mastrianni, Russ Morton, Donna Norwood

**Meeting Minutes**

Dorene led us in an opening prayer

**1. St. Vincent de Paul Update**

- Tom Gaziano took over as President in October
- Twofold mission: 1. To grow in holiness and 2. Serve those in need
- There has been outreach to multiple constituencies – Town Social workers, Friendly Aide Society, Wellesley Council on Aging
- Communication in weekly bulletin in order to reach those in need
- December was busy; it has slowed down since the beginning of new year
- Most meetings with “friends of the Society” (those in need) are confidential and by phone since pandemic
- Looking to recruit new members ( Next Generation)
- Still don’t have Vice President or Secretary roles filled
- Financially – very stable
- Suggestion to make a “pitch “ at end of Masses to recruit new and younger members
- Suggestion to really emphasize that training and mentoring will be a focus in recruiting new members so that new recruits could feel confident in joining and leading

**2. Synod on Synodality**

- Launching Synod in our Collaborative this upcoming weekend ( February 26, 27)
- Those Parishioners involved have been meeting last 5 weeks
- Focus for this weekend – 1. educational piece in Bulletin, 2. timeline for Synod and 3. homilies will surround Synod
- Goal is to empower Parishioners to be able to speak about it with expertise
- Kelly shared a powerful graphic and roadmap created to illustrate Synodality
- Conducting a test listening session with Confirmation Group for 2 hours at their retreat
- Question to launch listening sessions – “What would make you so proud to be a Catholic?”
- Ultimately information will be submitted to Archdiocese and General Secretariat of Synod of Bishops
- CPC can help by being present at sessions

### **3. Lenten Gift and POWIR**

- Chosen by Service Commission
- Healthcare for the Homeless will be Lenten gift recipient this year
- Speakers will be at Masses the weekend before Lenten Gift announced
- At Lecture Series with Dr. O'Connell on 3/16, QR codes will be available to attendees who can use the code to contribute directly to Healthcare for the Homeless
- Service Commission looking for new members

### **4. Update on POWIR**

- 3 young men from Afghanistan are doing well; they have bank accounts; they have learned to use the "T", obtained library cards and are taking English lessons
- Still looking for potential jobs in their prior fields of dentistry and science – communicate in bulletin to see if any networking / job opportunities exist within the Parish

### **General Housekeeping items:**

- Churches need waste receptacles so that trash isn't left on floors
- Traffic/congestion on St. John's stairs after Mass is problematic
- All CPC members need to complete CORI Form and submit to Parish office or Mary/Kelly
- Next meeting is Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – hopefully in person at St. Paul's Parish Hall