

Pastoral Council Minutes

October 23, 2018

Attendance: Evelin Vazquez, Father Tetzl, Eliseo Herrera, Katie Edmonds, Mary Fogarty, Garrett Wolfard, Laura Plancarte, Jesus Gonzalez, Jenelle Gasper

Opening Prayer: Jenelle Gasper

Youth Group/Confirmation/Hispanic Ministries – Jesus Gonzales:

- YG is working on service projects within/without the community. “Wood chipping”, making wreathes with “Right to Life” group. Looking for suggestions? Katie suggested caroling at the retirement/nursing home close to church as an activity. Jesus is also working on small group formation for the future. Mary also mentioned being on the lookout for youth who are confirmed to serve as Lectors/Eucharist Ministers.
- Confirmation – Jesus and Father are looking at changing the time (11:15AM – 12:15PM?) for meetings as attendance has been declining each week, with only 2 confirmandi at the last class. It is unclear what the barriers to attendance might be. It was clarified by Evelin and Katie that Confirmation Prep Classes have been held on this time/day for many years and that lack of attendance is odd. Katie asked if it was clear to students and parents that the Sunday AM class was optional while the afternoon class is not, Jesus said he believed it was clear. May also try Parent/Sponsor going to faith formation while confirmandi go to their class in 2019.
- Hispanic Ministry – there is a good response to staff and volunteers from the community. Parishioners are returning to our church and the 12:30 mass is overflowing. The council talked about a Saturday mass again? Evelin brought up the desire for San Juan Diego/Charismatic Prayer Groups to have their own account to place dollars raised by these groups to sponsor speakers, retreats, get supplies, etc. Father is going to present this request to Finance Council.

Parish Update – Father Tetzl:

- We have a new bookkeeper, Michelle McKinney, hired through a staffing firm. We may hire her in the future. Tuesday and Wednesday are her days at the office.
- Advent Reconciliation Service on December 13th at 7PM. Father Tetzl will invite at least 2 other priests to participate. There will be a bilingual priest.
- Father Tetzl has ordered the “Blue Books” for Advent/Christmas as well as the 2019 calendars for parish.

Parish Survey Results Discussion/Exploration – Priorities?

- Two publications were handed out by Father Tetzl, *Saint Anne Catholic Church Pastoral Priorities* and *2017-2019 Pastoral Initiatives by Archdiocesan Pastoral Council*. The survey comments by the Hispanic Community were also shared with the Council.
- The Council decided to pattern our priorities after Saint Anne’s publication. With that decision, the council felt more able to focus our thoughts on what our priorities should be and have agreed to email Father Tetzl before our next meeting with our ideas.
- Father Tetzl would like 7 – 9 headings for priorities with a focus on 1 – 2 Archdiocesan initiatives. Fr. Tetzl requested that council members please email him draft recommendations for the pastoral plan based off the info from the survey and comments. This is so we have material ready to review for the next meeting.
- Regarding marriage preparation, FBYC is back in operation. They have switched their format to providing a “Mentoring Couple” to an engaged couple. They are still working on providing this service in Spanish.

Other Business:

Katie asked about Council elections. Father will think about how he wants to pursue this as it should happen soon.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Tetzl

REMINDERS:

November 27th @ 7PM is our next PC Meeting