

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

5/13/2015

Attendance: Fr. Marc, Ken Conti, Sal Gioe, Deacon Bill, Cheryl Follien, Nick Sarbanis, Belinda Hamel, Rosemary Berube, Deborah Fitzgerald, Bob Dorian, Rick Leather, Dan Hebert, Susan Carroll, Kathy Garon

Chris Hurni: unable to attend, gave notification

Meeting began at 8:08pm

First order of business was to have all the members and potential members introduce themselves with a little personal information and the reason for their interest in becoming a council member.

The following is an overview by Fr Marc, of what a Pastoral Council is as well as answering questions of potential council members.

Pastoral Council advises Fr. Marc as opposed to planning and enacting an identified plan or plans such as building or building maintenance. The Pastoral Council will assess where Saint Anne Parish is at present. Then envision where Saint Anne Parish might be in a year, 5years, ten years etc.

Fr. Marc spoke about this vision being fluid and evolving including whether the mission statement should drive the vision or the need to fill the gaps in servicing the community through various committees might be the means by which the vision is developed (mission-goal or goal-mission). The council needs to embrace innovation, with a willingness to change to meet the needs of the parish as well as the times in which we live. In this process Saint Anne Parish must be viewed as unique and therefore all services have to be custom designed rather than the cookie cutter approach.

Fr. Marc spoke about those in attendance needing to discern whether the Parish Council is the best place for them to serve the community. This was also addressed to those already serving as council members. Fr. Marc stated there will be only twelve council members. He explained the number of years (3years and if requested 3more years, at which time the person needs to leave the council for at least 1 year) a council member can serve. He asked everyone to pray on this. If no one steps back from wanting to be a council member, he will make the

discernment as to those who will serve as council members. For those who were not chosen he will request them to participate in another committee. Fr. Marc stated the schedule dates of Pastoral Council meetings to be the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm. Council usually meets 10 months/year. Fr. Marc did clarify that he will setting up new committees (Publicity, Social, Faith Formation etc.) that might interfere with the monthly meeting. He also stated he did not want to waste any ones time and that there maybe times that the council doesn't meet (lack of an agenda).

Fr. Marc requested council members to read Rebuilt. The agenda for next month will be setting goals for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted by

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