

Pastoral Council Meeting

May 11, 2016

Attendance: Rosemary Berube, Ken Conti, Deacon Bill, Deborah Fitzgerald, Cheryl Follien, Fr. Marc, Sal Gioe, Kathy Garon, Belinda Hamel, Rick Leather

Unable to attend: Bob Dorion, Dan Hebert, Chris Hurni

Opening prayer: Fr. Marc

Meeting began: 7:03 pm

Reviewed the minutes of the last meeting; minutes were accepted as presented

Updates on activities and old business:

- Staff planning day coming up this Wednesday (May 18th) at the Atkinson Country Club. All suggestion from the previous meeting for programs and activities will be discussed.
- Gerry Vershuuren has been contacted to facilitate the first book club. Gerry appears to be happy to participate.
- Fr. John Fortin (Benedictine) will be doing a missionary appeal for the Monastic orders. Fr. Marc is hoping to have Fr. Fortin do a retreat that week-end.
- As the breakfast for Mother's Day was successful, Eli is willing to do this activity possibly 1x/month.
- Follow up on the van was done by Chris Hurni. Chris contacted Mike Korpak at Bill Deluca Chevy to see if they would donate a van. They can't donate a van but they could give St Anne Parish a great deal on a pre-owned van. Mike stated when/if St Anne Parish was ready to purchase they would need to make sure the van was clean and swept out. He requested that the appointment was made to ensure he would be present. Although there is no rush, the van won't pass inspection this coming January. Fr. Marc informed the council that the van cannot carry more than 12 passengers as the 15 passenger vans have a history of rollovers. The van is mostly used by the food bank, about 2x/wk and Eli. Due to this much use, it would be more financially effective to own rather than rent a van.
- The census has begun. Envelops have been given out in church. The response to the census so far is the following: 1000.00 people re-registered

and 250 new families have registered. The total number being 1250.00 out of previous 2,600.00 registrations. The post cards are set to go as well as an option to register online. The complete process including the correction of information is expected to take a year. There has been no PR in regards to registration. A suggestion was made to have the Parish Council Members wear a tag so that if parishioners have any questions about the census they can assist in answering the questions. There was also a suggestion that info might be placed in the envelop system. Fr. Marc thought that the envelop company would most likely not be able to assist in that way.

- There are three people interested in PR committee. Fr. Marc is hoping to meet with them soon. He will explain that this is a volunteer position.

Financial Information

- The Bishop called a meeting on May 6th to review the plan of the Diocese in enacting electronic giving by the end of the year. The meeting included the pastors and their administrators. The company that will be used is Vanco. This company works exclusively with religious entities and comes with a very high approval rating. Electronic giving usually increases donations by 10%. It appears if this plan is enacted in a timely manner the diocese will pick up the fees for the first three months. This electronic giving will be integrated with the parish website. Families will be able to choose to pay by credit card, debit card, or automatic check. Families have the option to pay weekly, monthly or yearly. This payment will include the special collections. Families can also choose to donate money to a specific group like the knights or the food bank as well as outside charities. There are Federal protections but there was concern over privacy and theft. Vanco has no way to collect private info as they do not have access to that info and the best way to check for theft is to run a control (people who are willing to share what they have given compared to the report the Vanco sends to the parish. There was no decision as to whether the control group will be used.
- There was a discussion on when a parish gets audited. Audits are normally done when there is a change in pastors. St. Anne was audited two years ago.
- Money required to be sent to diocese are assessments. The four assessments are the following: seminarians, parish to parish, Peter's Pence and Catholic University. There is also the cost of insurance that is required.

- The following are the cost of late and cost that will soon be incurred: boiler cost \$5,000.00; fire alarm system at \$7,000.00 and new sensors at \$5,000.00. this brings the cost to \$12,000.00

Miscellaneous

- Deacon Bill met with Kate McGrath to explore the possibilities of facilitating meetings and teachings. Rick suggested that the topic of addiction is pressing. He is aware of a man, a former addict, who might prove a powerful witness to dangers of drug addiction and the signs of addiction.
- Parish is looking at having the St Anne sign refurbished rather than replaced.
- Outdoor Mass that was scheduled for June 4th has been canceled. September outdoor Mass is still scheduled.
- Fr. Marc has done 32 funerals as of this meeting and has an additional two scheduled. Discussed why a deceased person's name has not been placed on the website. Fr. Marc also explained why a death needed to be announced from the altar only after it has been published.
- A suggestion was made about having a Pastoral Council retreat. Deacon Bill wanted the council to know that Fr. Marc's time was completely full.
- Fr. Marc in attending the Deanery meeting was told that Camp Bernadette (girls) was full but there were two half scholarships (\$625.00/each) available for Camp Fatima (boys). Boy(s) have to be between the ages of 6-15 years old). If two boys could not be found then the scholarship could be combined for one boy.
- Next month will be the last meeting for Pastoral Council. The following is the rotation of Parish council members. First group leaving the council this June are: Cheryl F., Sal G., Ken C., Nick S.; Second group leaving the following year are: Dan H., Bob D., Belinda H., Kathy G.; Third group leaving in two years are: Chris H., Rosemary B., Deb F., Rich L. Each member can petition for another three year term if they desire.
- There was a reminder the minutes of the council minutes have not been posted of recent. Correction will be made this month.
- Have started the evangelization project with welcome cards to all who move into the area, inviting them to St. Anne Parish.
- Unclear at this point whether there will be a Parish Fair. There aren't enough volunteers to man the fair. If more people do not step up then it will be canceled. Other individual activities will replace the loss of revenue.

It should be noted that there is a high liability with “Bounce Houses” and the Dioceses will not take the insurance risk. So if a “Bounce House” was to be used it would have to be covered under the owner’s insurance.

Meeting ended by 8:57 pm

Closing prayer by Deacon Bill

Next Meeting scheduled for June 8, 2016

Respectfully submitted by

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