

## Pastoral Council Meeting Note

June 10, 2015

Attendance: Rosemary Berube, Ken Conti, Bob Dorion, Deb Fitzgerald, Cheryl Follien, Fr. Marc, Sal Gioe, Kathy Garon, Belinda Hamel, Dan Herbert, Chris Hurni, Rick Leather, Deacon Bill, Nick Sarbanis

Meeting began 7:05pm; ended 9:18pm

Opening Prayer: Evening Prayer

Updated list of Council members/PR Tools (Fr. Marc)

- Reviewed updated list of Pastoral Council, which required a few changes. New list will be sent to council members when changes are made.
- Father reviewed the new outreach materials, which included: post cards sent to families new to the area; Mass cards (at time of funeral), as well as 6 month and 1year remembrance cards.
- Saint Anne cards will be also sent to those who have their children Baptized at Saint Anne. This card will be sent approximately 3 months after the sacrament.
- Post card will be sent to those who register at Saint Anne.

Suggestion of adding Saint Anne website to the funeral Mass cards in order to give families access to possible assistance through the mourning process.

Events/Fundraiser

- Father discussed having the Parish Council members and their spouse or friend attend a cocktail party. Date to be announced (July or August)
- Discussed cocktail party as a means to raise funds for special projects. Party could be held twice a year with \$50.00/ person as fee.
- Need to communicate what the funds are used for (full transparency), to increase participation. The discussion also included entertainment at such events, so as again to increase participation.
- PR after the event might highlight who benefited from the funds and connect it to Saint Anne's outreach to other communities.
- General discussion on other fund raisers such as Chili bake off, Monday night football events etc.

## Identifying pastoral Council Member

- Discussion of posting pictures of council member at front of the church, with bio of individual member
- Discussion on badges whether they send the message of exclusivity
- Discussion of council members attending some parish events and meeting with people as a means to gain insight on parish concerns
- Suggestion of wearing t-shirts with the message of asking questions and possibly giving a prize (candy)

## Coffee and Donuts

- Attendance has dropped significantly
- Discussion of moving coffee and donuts to the office area with a variety of food items which may increase interest and participation
- Identifying various groups at Mass might also have a positive effect of participation

## Mission/By-laws

- Need to revision Mission and By-laws to better reflect Saint Anne's identity and purpose with the following 5 elements of parish life: evangelization; worship and word; community; service and stewardship; leadership drawn from the Diocesan website
- Bishop Libasci's focus is on three areas: Catholic Identity, Catholic Pride, and Catholic Education
- Requested that two subcommittees be formed; one for the formulation of the by-laws and another the formulation of the mission
- Volunteers for the by-laws committee are the following: Sal G, Deb F, Rosemary B, and Belinda H.
- Volunteers to work on the mission statement are the following: Dan H, Ken C, Fr. Marc, and Rick L.

## New Ministry

- Kathy Garon is starting a new ministry called "To Touch His Hem" See Kathy's e-mail for details.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl F.

