

Pastoral Council Meeting Note

September 10, 2015

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

Meeting began 7:10pm; ended 9:05pm

Opening Prayer: Father Marc; Reflection and litany "As I Am Lord"

Update from Ad-Hoc Committees

- Dan stated the "Mission Statement" was not complete at this time but would be complete by the next council meeting. It will be reviewed by the council at that time.
- Council members stated that they thought the "By-Laws" were: "specific but not restrictive", "a good working document ". This was agreed by several members. There were some amendments identified that will make the document better reflect all contingencies. Rosemary, representing the Ad Hoc committee that developed these guidelines, will edit the document and forward it to council members for further comment. The comments will be italicized within the document. Rosemary will bring that document to the next council meeting for final approval.
- Once the Mission Statement and the By-Laws are complete, the parish will be notified through the bulletin. Parishioners, who desire to see the document, will be able to review it in the parish office.
- Discussion was held about non council member's attendance to parish council meetings resulting in having a portion of the meeting for non members and an executive portion to be held with only council members present.

Goals/Objectives for the Pastoral Council

Vision/ Mentality

- Commitment: meaning seeing St. Anne as your parish family, contributing to your daily spiritual and sometimes physical needs. Frustrated that St. Anne's helps families when they are raising their children (sacraments) but

the families never think of financially supporting or bequeathing the parish in later years.

- Volunteerism/Participation: meaning that the same core of individuals are the main support for liturgical, catechetical, and outreach programs. Need to find a solution so that more parishioners participate in all ministries. Eli is working on having youth take on more responsibilities in various ministries.
- Finances: meaning the parish needs to understand the “real” cost of daily operations of St. Anne. Ultimate goal is to have 3 months of collection saving available in case of emergencies. Father Marc and staff have been working this summer on a financial presentation to be given to the parish at the end of October or the beginning of November. The timing was set to reach the parishioners who will be going south for the winter. This will be a detailed review of the parishes’ expenses and a request or an increase in donations. Staff is also working to identify an enterprise that handles online contributions. This will ensure that the parish receives donation when people are on vacation as well as when people cannot attend weekly Mass due to weather.

Changes in the Deanery

- Father discussed the installation of two priests in the deanery as well as two openings due priest illness, one of which was Father Pennett, formally of St. Anne.

Upcoming Events

- Outdoor Mass in September, followed by Knights catered dinner
- An Evening of Cabaret in October

Deacon Bill ended the meeting with a prayer

Respectfully Submitted by

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