

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 2, 2014

In Attendance: Bev Barnes (Chairperson), Sarah Holland, Rev. Bill Stockelman, Donna Cox, Paul Justice, John Dickhaus, Angie Tucker, Laura Brausch, Chuck Cullen (Recording Secretary)

Absent: None

Guest: None

Opening: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Chairperson Barnes.

Faith Formation: John Dickhaus began by offering a prayer asking for God's blessing and guidance. The prayer was followed up with an eloquent and well-known reading from the Book of Ecclesiastes articulating that there is an appointed time for everything. The Members prayerfully reflected upon the reading and offered personal insights into its message. A closing prayer was also offered after the discussion.

Minutes: The minutes from the March 12, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Housekeeping: Chairperson Barnes announced the following to the Members:

- There will no meeting during June. The July meeting will be on July 2nd.
- If a member is interested in the Chairperson position, contact the Chairperson or Fr. Bill within the next month. This will allow an opportunity to "shadow".
- Election of Pastoral Council members is later this year. By the May meeting, current Members need to select important dates for the upcoming election.

Importance of Planning (Next Steps): Chairperson Barnes and Fr. Bill continued the planning discussion from the March meeting. Copies of the Art of Change were distributed to Members. Each member will be assigned a chapter to report to the other Members. Fr. Bill took the initiative to present a report on Chapter One. Donna Cox will report on Chapter Two at the next meeting.

Fr. Bill distributed a one-page handout summarizing important points of Chapter One. He pointed out that the planning must be more than a business model. It must be a faith model ensuring that God is part of the process. Members reviewed the handout and discussed the implications contained within. Fr. Bill stressed that staffing will be a real issue in the future. John Dickhaus asked about the "person on the top" in the future. Chairperson Barnes reflected about having "skin in the game." Laura Brausch related to the Members how her work recently went through a similar planning process. The importance of communications was stressed throughout the process. Fr. Bill suggested that a group be commissioned to establish a mission statement, vision, goals, and objectives for the parish. This group would be comprised of some Members of the pastoral Council and others.

By-Law Review: Chairperson Barnes continued the January discussion of the revisions to the by-laws. The Members agreed to:

- Limit the listed advisory groups in Chapter 7 to three but change the “Education” group to Parochial School. The three groups are now: Finance & Operation, Faith Formation, and Parochial School.
- Eliminate Chapter 8.

Hospitality: Fr. Bill told the Members that the parish claims to be a welcoming parish but questioned how successful we are in that endeavor. Previous efforts (hospitality, post cards, etc.) have not appeared to be working very well. Is there a more effective way to reach out? Chairperson Barnes suggested that the SALT Committee be giving the task of presenting suggestions to the Members at the May meeting. Angie Tucker volunteered to call any new parishioner to welcome them.

Pastors Corner: Father Bill informed the Members of the following:

- The School’s Grounds Committee is looking for space for another 2nd grade for next year.
- Forty 7th and 8th graders received the sacrament of Confirmation recently.
- Archdiocese has just released a new charter document for catholic school athletics.
- April 27th will be a special day for the Church. Pope Francis will canonize Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII.

Parish Voice: Angie Tucker recalled that the parish once arranged a great deal on bibles. Perhaps this could be done again. She agreed to get more information on this matter.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 P M.

Please note: Next meeting will be Wednesday May 7 at 7:00 PM.

Minutes Approved: May 7, 2014