

Parish Pastoral Council Agenda

October 27, 2015

7:00 PM – Commons

Call to Order

Present: Mark Miller, Diane Layton, Father Colter, Steve Duppong, Doug Christensen, Mike Hurley, Roger Kueter, Mark Miller, Paul Baumgartner, Sarah Burke, Deb Best (school board)

Opening Prayer – Faith Sharing

Approval of minutes from September meeting

Old Business:

Conversations with Father was considered a success. 35 people attended Conversations with Father.

New Business:

- **Steve Duppong & Mike Hurley** Steve spoke to the function of the long range planning committee. They hope to have the Pastoral Council influence and encourage the goals of the sub committees so they are consistent to the social and spiritual needs of the parish. The idea was presented to create six larger events through the year and to have the subcommittee goals support those events. Two events for each group of the parish which include people outside the walls of the church (community members, homebound, nursing homes etc) marriage and Family and finally singles and youth)
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- The goal would to have the Pastoral Council create a larger single vision for each event, fund the event and organize the volunteers. By having the Pastoral Council driving the work of the standing committees, including the Long Range Planning Committee. One suggestion included building “chapters” to serve the needs of an event that include volunteers for relevant topics and projects. Once the goal is achieved the chapter dissolves.

Discussion occurred regarding consolidating or possibly creating cooperative committee relationships. No firm decisions were discussed.

Discussion was made regarding the negative elements of Parish Life committee. It is so all encompassing that perhaps that elements of Parish Life belong in each committee instead of being a single committee.

Steve Duping and Mike Hurley will create six events and provide more details for their success to discuss at the next meeting. Ideas for long ranging suggestions can be submitted via email “reply all”

- **Doug Christensen** presented Faith Formation By Laws for approval. Most of the work was cleaning up language. Revised ByLaws were provided to the Pastoral Council, discussion and approved (moved by Roger Kueter and seconded by Mike Hurley.)

- Committee Reports:

 - Social Justice – No discussion

 - Liturgy – No discussion

 - Parish Life – No discussion

 - Faith Formation – See notes regarding By Law approval.

 - Finance Council – The Finance Council needs additional members with the skill set required. It may be a good idea to seek out new members. A short discussion was had of the deficit showing. Father was not concerned of deficit since there are varying amounts of Sundays influencing surpluses and deficits.

 - Stewardship Committee – No discussion

 - Catholic School Board – Supportive comments were made regarding the Grandparents and Special Friends Events. There was a short discussion regarding teacher retention. There are currently no real concerns. Retention is at times dependent on the culture of the school and at this point it is felt to be generally quite good. A short brainstorm style conversation was had regarding incentives for teachers based on years of service.

 - Staff – No discussion

 - Long Range Planning – Building Project: Church project was \$531 less than contracted amount. School Project was \$17,878 less than contracted amount. Total project cost 2,801,791 (not including a few donations by contractors.) Roger Kueter spoke to the need of a final report for the building projects.

 - Marriage Committee Sharing Groups: This Friday is hosting a dinner at 6:30pm to build more couples. It's meant to be an intimate group that stays together long term versus a more public faith sharing.

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