

# **St. Anthony on the Lake**

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 1/24/22

**Meeting Time:** 6:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room/via Zoom (Mendy sent link)

**In attendance:** Fr. Tony Zimmer, Mendy Lanham, Bob Loth, Bob Bluhm, Mark Reel, John Hooyman (in person); Kate Spitz, Jeff Ellington, Tony Wendorf, Jerry Fons, Dan Burnett (Teams). **Not in attendance:** Brian Milam (excused).

**Annual Reporting (Prayer & Worship Committee) (6:00-6:20)**—Vince LaTona, Craig Colopy

- This report out will be rescheduled.

**Prayer and Reflection (6:20-6:50)**-Jerry Fons

- Reflection question: Choose a word that describes our faith community at St. Anthony and share a story that helps explain the word selected

**Pastor's Report (6:50-7:10)**—Father Tony

- Fr. Chuck at Queen of Apostles will be renewing his term there.
- Capital Campaign Update
  - We have a new coach from the Archdiocese for our capital campaign who seems very organized and is working with the team to advance the preliminary phases of the campaign. There will be a February 9 orientation meeting and a training on February 16 for volunteers.
  - The silent phase of the campaign has begun, with the public campaign to be rolled out in March.
  - The theme of the campaign is "Love One Another." Pastoral Council members were asked to prayerfully consider what they may be able to commit to during the campaign.
- Signature Event Update

The event team is doing a phenomenal job, with over \$75,000 in sponsorships brought in. We also have great live and silent auction items at the ready. Pastoral Council members (as well as other parish leaders) will be asked to contribute toward an exciting live auction item to be bid on at the event.
- Onboarding Megan Sheehan

Megan is hitting the ground running, and is proving to be a fast learner. We look forward to working with her going forward.
- Catholic Charities Luncheon

Will be held Monday, March 14 11:30-1:00. The Archbishop will be at the parish honoring Marianne Miller, the Riesch family (R&R Insurance), and the Schoenstatt Sisters.

- We are thrilled to announce that an anonymous donor has provided the funds for St. Anthony to get its own prodigal son statute for our entryway. The donor generously donated the entire cost of the statute. It will need to be shipped from England. The statute will serve as a wonderful reminder that no matter how long we may have kept ourselves from God, He will always welcome us back. We anticipate the statue will be here in eight months or so.

**Trustee's Report (7:10-7:20)—John Hooyman and Sheri Schmit**

- Our salary survey has had a sluggish start but is in progress. Sheri reiterated that Megan Sheehan is a great addition to the team.
- PLT continues to meet weekly related to COVID, making changes such as the mask-only section.
- The financial update will be provided next month.

**Chair's Report (7:20-7:30)—Mendy Lanham**

- Hearts on Fire signature event is February 26. Thanks to all who are participating in various ways.
- The 2022-23 standing committee goals process is off to a great start. Mendy sat in on one committee and has heard about discussion in others. Mendy encouraged liaisons to be supportive to those committee members in their discussions. The due date for committees to get their goals to Kate is March 14. Pastoral Council anticipates discussing the goals at the April meeting.
- Relatedly, the discernment process will begin soon. By February 1, committees are to inform Kate of who is rolling off the committees and the number they hope to discern this spring.

**Common Leadership and Covid Update (7:30-7:50)—Father Tony**

- We have brought back livestreaming, and parishioners have been appreciative. We will livestream the 9:00 Mass rather than the 5:00 p.m. because the former seems to be the fullest Mass.
- Our pilgrimage has faced some recent challenges related to Covid protocols in the pilgrimage's two destinations (the Holy Land and Rome), such as mandatory quarantining upon arrival and concerns with what could happen if some attendees test positive while overseas. In light of these concerns, there will be meetings held in the coming weeks with the tour company to determine whether the pilgrimage should proceed this June as planned or be postponed for a year.
- Last CLN, two groups were totally virtual (school and human concerns). The executive committee is suggesting that for now, we should continue to provide options so people can either Zoom or attend in person. CLN will take the pattern like last time—attendees will report directly to their committee meeting, report back at an hour and a half to the larger group, and conclude with prayer. We'll still rotate prayer with standing committees, with the hope that in June we can do simple hospitality as part of CLN. The group discussed the issues that arise when some groups do not have any in-person representation at prayer and report out (such as the need for additional communication to all attendees), and the risk that online attendance could come to be used more for simple convenience than as a means to protect others from illness. A message will be forthcoming about these issues from Father Tony.

**Succession Planning (7:50-8:10)—Father Tony/All**

- A committee consisting of Brian Milam, Cheryl Oliva, Tony Wendorf, Mendy Lanham, Jeff Ellington, and Bob Loth was formed to work on succession planning and the discernment process for spring.

- As noted, standing committees have been asked to determine whose term is up this spring, and both Finance Council will need to do the same. On Pastoral Council, Dan Burnett will be finishing his partial term (he is eligible to rediscern) and Bob Bluhm and Tony Wendorf will be finishing their terms, leaving Pastoral Council with three seats to fill this spring. Pastoral Council discernment will occur in May, with leadership positions discerned in June.

**Closing Prayer (8:10-8:15)-Jerry Fons**

Mendy asked Kate to note that the meeting concluded early (7:50 pm).