

St. Anthony on the Lake

Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting Date: 8/23/21

Meeting Time: 6:00 pm

Meeting Location: Conference Rooms F&G

In attendance: Father Tony Zimmer, Mendy Lanham, Kate Spitz, Dan Burnett, Mark Reel, Jerry Fons, Jeff Ellington, Tony Wendorf, John Hooyman, Sheri Schmit, Bob Bluhm, Bob Loth (Zoom), Brian Milam (Zoom)

I. Opening Prayer and Reflection (6:00-7:05) - Fr. Tony

- Reflection questions: When have you felt God's nearness? When have you seen the light on the lampstand?

II. Pastor's Report (7:05-7:25) - Fr. Tony

A. Capital campaign update

- The Arch has approved our shifting of timing to Phase I, which means it will be run at the same it would have been run originally.
- By 9/30 we have to submit to Arch our case for the money we will raise (the 60% raised that will remain here). We have a team working on the case (including technology all over the campus, church updates like replacing pews, building and grounds major projects like parking lot resurfacing and an electric sign, and reserves).
- Thanks to generous donations from parishoners, less money than originally projected will need to go to debt reduction. We also had one very generous donation of over \$75,000 to purchase a new grand piano!
- The target goal from the Arch is for our parish to raise \$2.39 million, of which \$1.3 million would remain here at the parish.
- PLT will recommend the items on which funds will be spent; Pastoral Council and Finance Council will approve.

B. Signature Event update

- Planning for the February 26, 2022 event (with theme "Hearts on Fire") are in full swing. The team is already working on the logistical challenges for an in-person event at the parish with a capacity of 325.
- The price of admission will be at a point that many parishoners can afford to attend. We will once again work with Zilli's and Exciting Events.
- There is a sponsorship gathering October 1 at Bristlecone Pines by invitation only. The event was generously donated by a parishioner.

C. Parish updates/Fr. Yockey's funeral

- Father Yockey's funeral was a beautiful celebration of his life attended by many in our parish. We are grateful for the blessings he bestowed on our parish with his ministry.
- The shortage of priests available to help out with Masses is real and imminent. We are incredibly grateful to Fr. Ken Knippel, who will be covering two Masses here at SAOL every weekend, and to Fr. Ted Lawson who is taking Tuesday and Thursday daily Masses and occasional fill-in help.

D. Sustainability Committee/SAOL Leadership Retreat Day (9/11/21)

- The faculty/staff leadership was held today, August 23, featuring the sustainability committee.
- This meeting will be repeated and expanded on September 11, from 9 to 2. We will be looking at the Disciplemaker Index, the five-year strategic plan, the parish mission statement, and how it all fits in with building the Kingdom of God.
- Pastoral and Finance Council, as well as all Standing Committee members, have been invited. Mendy Lanham underscored the importance of this retreat day. with all.

E. Term of Office

- This is Father Tony's last year in his current term of office. He wants to extend term of office but it's not his decision. We are hopeful and optimistic that he will be permitted to stay on here, but we ask for prayers for Father Tony during this decision process.
- Any extensions to Father Tony's current term are granted one year at a time.

III. Trustees' Report (7:25-7:35) -Sheri Schmit/ John Hooyman/ Fr. Tony

- The trustee meeting with Fr. Tony and Art was held following the end of the fiscal year (June 20). The parish experienced financial success from several perspectives, including some very large donations that came in from parishoners. Overall, we ran the parish extremely well and responsibly during this unusual time.
- Parish leadership did an excellent job managing expenses by adjusting spending to funds coming in. Staff have been asked to continue a 10% reduction in expenses due to continued uncertainty. Salary equity will be one of the priorities the parish leadership looks at going forward.
- Parish Council requested that the trustees provide the one-page summary of finances on a regular basis, either quarterly or twice per year.

IV. Chair Report (7:35-8:00) -Mendy Lanham

- Mendy sent a welcome email to all CLN members in early August. We are working toward collecting updated rosters from our standing committees to improve communication and succession planning going forward.
- Pastoral Council binders are in need of updating. Cheryl Oliva has been kind enough to provide hers as a model, and Kate Spitz will work with Kris Ponzi to provide updates to council.
- After the September CLN meeting, Mendy will recirculate the goal setting process and timeline.

A. Facilitate review of 2020/2021 Pastoral Council Goals

- We reviewed our first goal (finding new ways to be church during Covid) and concluded that we were successful despite being forced into this goal by the difficult circumstances.
- Our second goal, concerning the use of the Disciplemaker Index, is a work in progress. This goal will be carried over into the coming year, beginning with the September 11 leadership day.
- We were very successful in our third goal, incorporating reflection moments and prayer to initiate deeper connections among members.
- We were not able to accomplish our fourth goal of collaboration with Queen of Apostles parish, but Father Tony has had fruitful meetings with Father Chuck, and we will continue to work toward this goal by first having the parish leadership teams meet rather starting with a meeting of both parish councils.

B. Next steps for Pastoral Council goal discussion in October – 2022/2023 goals

- Agenda time will be set aside in September, October, and possibly November to formulate goals for the coming year.
- We will have 3-5 goals and will finalize no later than our November meeting so that standing committees have these goals to work from during their own goal setting processes in January through March of 2022.

C. Review Standing Committee liaisons and expectations

- Four primary responsibilities as liaisons:
 - Form collaborative relationships with the standing committees
 - Invite and recommend suggestions rather than dictating what committees do
 - Provide a communication link and information flow between Pastoral Council and the committee
 - Celebrate the wins and flag any concerns for Pastoral Council

V. Closing Prayer (8:00) - Fr. Tony