

# **St. Anthony on the Lake**

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date:** 01/22/2024

**Meeting Time:** 6:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Conference Room

**In attendance:** Fr. Tony Zimmer, Scott Krebs, Colleen Wahlen, Sandy Wysocki, Sheri Schmit, John Hooyman, Mark Reel, Melinda Lanham, Flo Prospero (in person), Brian Milam and Kate Spitz (virtual)

### **Prayer and Worship Report to Pastoral Council (6:00 – 6:20) – Vince LaTona**

- Paul Baures has graciously stepped in the role of Chair for the Prayer and Worship Committee
- The main focus for the past few months has been on the remodel of the music area of the Church. Vince is thrilled with what has been done.
- Fr. Ken Knippel has joined the staff in assisting Vince in the Liturgy office. This has been a huge help to Vince in relieving him of some of his duties.
- Discussed the lack of students (whether school or faith formation) who would like to be servers during the weekend masses. Mary and Dennis Petrie do the training and we will continue to promote and ask parish youth to consider serving mass.
- The choir has 58 members and a growing number of instrumentalists.
- Julie Farrell has been working with the school students and faith formation students in the children's choir as well as instrumentalists.

### **Stewardship Report to Pastoral Council (6:20 – 6:40) – Megan Sheehan and Dan McLaughlin**

- Create a mindset of stewardship – it is a way of life, not just about money.
- The youth groups are being taught to understand what stewardship really is and what it means to give back.
- A new website design will be coming out in the spring as it has not been updated for 7 years.
- The Parish Ambassadors are doing an amazing job welcoming new parishioners – we currently have 6 Ambassadors.
  - Stewardship is working on a process/strategy of a follow up on checking in with new Parishioners after they have gone through registration as a parishioner
- Approximately 75% of our parishioners give electronically which was a huge asset that carried us through Covid pandemic

### **Prayer and Reflection (6:40 – 6:55) – John Hooyman**

- We have all been asked in some way to “drop our nets” and follow Jesus. How do we live our lives to show we have chosen to follow Jesus? What are some of our “nets” that we need to drop to fully follow Jesus?

#### **Pastor's Report (6:55 – 7:15)—Father Tony**

- Collaboration with Queen of Apostles
  - Continues with monthly meetings of Fr. Tony and Fr. Chuck with the last one being 1/19/2024
  - Dates have been set for Lenten Reconciliation Services
- LOA Capital Campaign Update
  - The Church renovation and choir expansion is now 99% complete.
  - Next up is the parking lot
- Signature Event update
  - Friday, February 23 at Ingleside.
  - \$125 per ticket and over 250 people have registered.
- Annual Archdiocesan Stewardship Appeal will kick off the weekend of February 3-4.
- Fr. Tony was approved for another extension as our Pastor until June of 2025. After that he has to check in for one final extension to retire from SAL in early 2027.

#### **Chair's Report (7:15 – 7:20)—Brian Milam**

- Continue to keep all of the standing committees focused on their goals and make sure Eucharistic Revival is tied into at least one of their goals.
- Remind committee chairs as to when they report out to Pastoral Council (Flo will send out reminders via email)

#### **Trustees' Report (7:20 – 7:30)—John Hooyman and Sheri Schmit**

- No new numbers to report at this time.
- It is possible that there will not be a Trustee's report at every single meeting if there are no updated numbers to report.

#### **Strategic Planning Process (7:30 – 7:40)—Father Tony**

- January meeting was a positive experience and the small group discussions were productive and enjoyable
- Next follow up is on 3/9/2024 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

#### **Pastoral Council Contribution to Signature Event (7:40 – 7:50) – Father Tony**

- PC is donating 2 tickets to see Billy Joel and Stevie Nicks in Chicago with dinner and 2 nights at the Park Hyatt Hotel. We are all asked to donate \$30 towards the cost of the tickets.

#### **Nomination Committee Selection/Sign Up (7:50 – 8:00) – Father Tony**

- Standing Committee members should start compiling a list of potential nominees for their committees and invite them to the next common leadership night on March 11.
- Each standing committee needs to start preparing for who they would like to nominate to Pastoral Council
- Mark, Scott, Brian and Flo will lead the Nomination process

#### **Closing Prayer (8:00) – John Hooyman**

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