

St. Anthony on the Lake Catholic Church

Pastoral Council – Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: June 26, 2017

The meeting began at 6:00 P.M. with the following Pastoral Council members in attendance: Father Tony Zimmer, Bob Bluhm, Terri Mahoney-Ogden, Cheryl Oliva, Joe Schroeder, Patty Meehan, Mike Smith, William Brewster, Tony Wendorf, Andy Farris, Dave Grunwaldt, Bill Hoile, Tom Brandt, Jeff Ellington and Justin Staebler

1. **OPENING PRAYER** - led by Joe Schroeder
2. **PASTOR'S REPORT** - Father Tony Zimmer

Collaboration:

- Work has begun to develop and promote the next phase of Alpha. Small group hosts and helpers are being trained this Thursday, June 29th. We are looking at holding Alpha sessions on Tuesday evenings once again at Queen of Apostles and Thursday mornings here at St. Anthony's. A survey was conducted at the conclusion of the last Alpha sessions, and they were very positive, noting that many would do it again, bring a family member or friend, or serve as a host or helper of a small group
- Both Ben Brzeski and Kathie Amidei have been working with Liz Kuhn at Queen of Apostles to explore the possibilities of collaborating with our RCIA candidates/catechumens. Rites/rituals/breaking open sessions would be held at their respective parishes. But the catechetical sessions/retreats/formation could be a joint effort. More to come!
- Fr. Chuck and I have resumed our regular monthly Friday meetings and are scheduled out until the end of the calendar year

Archdiocesan:

- Mick Savio, Pastor of St. James Parish in Mukwonago, has been elected as our new Deanery Representative to the Archdiocesan Council of Priests
- My work serving on the search committee for the new President of Catholic Memorial High School has been completed. As many of you know, Donna Bembeneck has been selected to serve as the new President of CMH. Her rich and varied education and background, coupled with her passion for Catholic education and youth, will serve the CMH community very well. We congratulate and welcome her!
- The Archdiocese is working hard to prepare to mark and celebrate its 175th Anniversary. Events, liturgies, and conferences are being planned for the 2018-2019 year, including an "Amazing Parish Conference in either October or November of 2018. Stay tuned!

- This year's Synod focus will be on the Spirituality of Stewardship. Our own Ben Brzeski has been working hard leading this Archdiocesan Pastoral Planning Team

Staffing:

- All supervisors will be conducting their annual performance reviews over the next couple of months, including me
- We welcome back Ben Zimmer and Nick Klimko as part of our maintenance staff!
- Ellen Knippel is still in the process of filling our new math and physical education positions
- Ben Brzeski, Debbie Klimko, and I have been working to develop onboarding procedures/policies/information for any new staff, faculty, or council/standing committee positions. We are looking to host a Parish Ministry In-service on Wednesday, September 20th at 6:30 pm. Stay tuned for more information
- Be sure to let us know your summer vacation dates, by completing the schedule located at Barbara Knepper's

Miscellaneous:

- We welcome back all our SAL youth missionaries from their most recent mission trips to Detroit and Pine Ridge. 46 youth participated in this year's annual trip. We are proud and grateful for each one of them. Many thanks to Cindi Petre and Ann Fons, as well as their respective teams for all their hard work! Be sure to join them for their annual shareholders breakfast on July 30th
- We thank our current Trustees, Bill Hoile and Bruce Miller, as they complete their terms this week. They each were presented with Peruvian paintings of St. Anthony at the 9:00 Mass this past weekend, as a sign of our appreciation. We also welcomed and blessed are new Trustees, Cheryl Oliva and Tom Brandt at the 9:00 Mass as well. We already had our transition meeting with both our current and new Trustees 2 weeks ago, and will be celebrating with a nice dinner at a nearby restaurant on June 28th
- At our last Pastoral Council meeting we discerned our latest members. We welcome back Terri Ogden and Mike Smith and welcome our newly discerned members, Justin Staebler, and Jeff Ellington as well! Thank you for your willingness to serve!
- We congratulate of our most recent graduates, most especially the students from St. Anthony on the Lake Grade School, who graduated on May 25th. Many thanks to our faculty, staff, and administration who have prepared them so well! Special thanks to Ellen Knippel for her vision and leadership at our school!
- We continue to hatch, match, and dispatch... we have had a lot of baptisms, weddings, and funerals of late!
- Our Annual commitment weekend for our Stewardship of Parish Ministry took place on the weekend of June 10-11. To date we have approximately 500 responses. The

data is now being entered into our system, and they will soon be contacted by one of our staff members. Many thanks to Ben Brzeski and our Stewardship Team for doing such a great job!

- The first of 4 sessions on “Living Our Strengths” begins this week. We currently have 17 people enrolled
- Despite the mixed weather and competing events, our Parish Festival went very well. We ate, drank, danced, drew raffle tickets, and even sat in dunk tanks! We will know very soon what the net profits were. Many, many thanks to Tom Bachman, Mike Finnegan and the entire team for their hard work! Congrats to our raffle winners as well! We are meeting at 5:00 today to review how the Festival went
- In a couple of weeks we will be welcoming our newest parishioners... special needs residents from St. Coletta’s. Please join me in welcoming them and helping them to feel at home here at St. Anthony’s!
- I will be out of town/on vacation for quite a bit of July: I will be visiting my sister and brother-in law in DC from July 3 - 7; in London from July 17 - 23 at home July 24 - 27; and camping July 28 - 30 . I will be back in the office on Monday, July 31st.

3. TRUSTEE REPORT - Bill Hoile

Bill Hoile provided an update on the parish’s financial status. Collections are a little ahead of pace and our financial position is good. Bill noted the need to plan for anticipated expenditures for building and grounds maintenance and personnel expenses.

Bill noted that this was his last meeting and although Bruce Miller could not be at the meeting, they both wished to thank Father Tony and the entire parish community for the support they received during their trustee terms. Bill offered that Cheryl Oliva and Tom Brandt are qualified, outstanding persons to serve in the trustee role. Father Tony acknowledged and thanked Bill and Bruce for their faithful and tireless contributions to the parish. Father Tony noted that he has complete confidence in Cheryl O. and Tom B. and he feels we are especially blessed with such qualified persons and a very smooth transition for the trustee role.

4. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT - Bob Bluhm

Bob Bluhm noted that this meeting would conclude his term on the Pastoral Council. He expressed that it has been his pleasure to serve as the Council Chair. He thanked Father Tony for his leadership noting that “Father Tony raises us all up”. Father Tony and the Council expressed their deepest appreciation to Bob for his leadership, heart and pastoral presence.

Father Tony acknowledged that we are sending forth our outgoing Pastoral Council members: Bob Bluhm, Bill Hoile, and Bruce Miller. He has presented each an original painting of St. Anthony of Padua, created by a member of our sister parish, Santissimo Sacramento, with deep gratitude for their dedication and commitment to our parish. We wish them all the best as they continue to serve our parish in different capacities!

5. PASTORAL COUNCIL COMMISSIONING AND BLESSING - Father Tony Zimmer

Father Tony proposed a date of August 26th for the Council Commissioning and Blessing. The group was in agreement with the date. Council members will check in with Father Tony at 4:45 prior to the 5:00 mass on August 26th. Father Tony will call forth the Pastoral Council after communion for a special blessing.

6. UPDATE ON CABINET RETREAT AND NEXT STEPS FOR STRATEGIC PLAN - Father Tony Zimmer and Joe Schroeder

Father Tony provided an overview of the strategic planning process and some initial steps that have taken place. Father Tony noted that the Cabinet and Pastoral Council will collaborate as partners on the strategic plan. Joe Schroeder shared information from the SWOT (Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats) Analysis conducted by the Council earlier this year.

Father Tony noted that he, Ben Brzeski and Joe Schroeder are meeting to define the process and timeline for strategic planning. The Parish Covenant will then be developed and flow from the strategic plan. Father Tony noted that a crucial step will be the roll out, or communication of both the Plan and Covenant to the entire parish. The goal will be for this roll out to coincide with the Parish Centennial.

7. ALPHA UPDATE - Father Tony Zimmer

Father Tony described that work has begun to develop and promote the next phase of Alpha. Specific detail was highlighted in the Pastor's Report, agenda item #2 above.

8. DISCERNMENT OF OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEE LIASONS

Father Tony led the group in prayer and dialogue to discern the Pastoral Council officers and Standing Committee Liaisons. The results of the discernment are as follows:

Chair: Joe Schroeder

Vice Chair: Tony Wendorf

Secretary: Patty Meehan

Finance Council: Mike Smith and Andy Farris

Prayer and Worship: Jeff Ellington

Human Concerns: Dave Grunwaldt

School: Terri Mahoney Ogden

Faith Formation: Justin Staebler

Stewardship: Bill Brewster

Father Tony concluded the discernment by expressing confidence that our Council will bring their faith and passion to each of their ministries, serving to bring our parish mission to life.

9. **CLOSING PRAYER** -led by Joe Schroeder

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Pastoral Council Meeting: 8/28/17 at 6:00 PM (Terri Mahoney Ogden's home)

Common Leadership Meeting: 9/11/17 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted by Patty Meehan