

Mary, Mother of the Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

Tuesday February 25, 2020

Present: PPC members: Susan Mayer, Brittany Madrid, Fr. Tim Rudolph, Gene Earhart, Sarah Dickhausen, Greg Robinson, Greg Mann, Cindy Monn, Fr. Jim Perkl, Nancy Arbogast and Kathy Kerns

Absent:

Prayer: by Father Tim

- **Approval of September Minutes:** Sarah made a motion to approve the 2nd was made by Greg Mann all were in favor.
- **Evangelical Catholic:**
 - The parish is looking into a program called the Evangelical Catholic (Reach More). The staff recently met with a representative of EC and reviewed the materials. People are far less likely to “quit” a church if they have a connection. The reach more program would introduce a process that helps us to train leaders to assist Father and the staff to reach more people and keep them engaged. The money needed to fund the program would be from a memorial. It pays for a 2-year program. The process starts by training about three people on how to lead small groups effectively. These leaders would then work to train the next set of lay leaders. All three MACs would be taught these techniques. The process is broken down to 4 steps like a baseball diamond. 1. Coming to belief, 2. Becoming disciples 3. Working this into ministry areas 4. Taking this back into the world. Our ministries could grow by all using the same methods. This could assist us in being more intentional and become a way of life. The process would be a train the trainer mentality and then the staff letting go to let the volunteers be trusted and empowered. It is important to use common language.
 - Timeline is 2 years. There would be 4 movements. Discern point person, three people trained, then those 3 people train the next 3 people, 6 members going to national conference. 4th step ready to launch members into small groups with lent and start training of next group.
 - What questions do we have for EC?
 - What is EC doing for MMOTC?
 - Does EC help us discern the who the leaders are?
 - Can we talk to local references with similar demographics?
 - How does staff get freed up to dedicate time to this program?
 - How do small groups get started and sustained?
 - How do we get outside our four walls?
 - Why wouldn't the small groups dissipate?

- What model do they use for their small group, and how do they sustain them?
- Do they train us to evangelize and recruit?
- What is the batting average?
- How do we set ourselves up for success?
- Next steps would be to have Cody from EC come and speak directly to the PPC possibly on Tuesday March 31st