Saint Ambrose Catholic Church

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 1st, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

**Present**: Fr. Peter Williams, Greg Hereford, Yvonne Eggert, Lynn Nolan, Brian Convery, Susannah Prochazka, Michelle Laumeyer, Larry Lynott, Miriam Egbudom

**Opening Prayer**

**Approval of Minutes**: Larry Lynott moved that the minutes from the May meeting be approved and Michelle Laumeyer seconded the motion.

**Liaison Reports**:

The following members will take over the liaison reporting through the end of 2019:

* Adult Education Susannah
* Ambrosians Susannah
* Faith Formation Susannah
* Men’s Club Larry Lynott
* Boy Scouts Larry Lynott

**Reflection on In-Service Re-cap:**

PPC members reflected on off-site September meeting at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Hastings. The meeting was held by the Archdiocese, at various locations, for all Parish Pastoral & Finance Council members to better understand their roles and responsibilities.

**Role of the PPC:**

Members contributed what their ideas and gifts are for the PPC. Fr. Peter mentioned that there has to be a sense of mission and evangelization. The hope for our PPC council to be people of good temperament, peacemakers and to help people to speak for themselves in meaningful ways.

**State of the Parish:**

PPC members discussed continued security in the parish and also continued school safety.

**Discernment:**

* PPC members should be up to date on Virtus. Perhaps consider putting Virtus requirement formally into our by-laws for all members going forward.
* Discussion of having more than nine members on the council at some point in the future if we have more parishioners that would like to discern.
* Current members should send parishioner names to Fr. Peter for discernment. A personal invitation will then be extended to them inviting them to learn more about the PPC.
* PPC members will answer questions after Masses on October 26th & 27th. Brian will put together a one-page informational sheet to have at the tables for this weekend.
* There are four open positions for the PPC.

**Fr. Peter’s Report:**

* Fr. Peter updated the council on Missionary Discipleship Group, Men’s Morning Group, Synod, and Branding Committee.
* Day of Mercy is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th. We will have priests scheduled all day to hear confessions. The school, Faith Formation students will also be included.

**Future Meeting Dates:** November 12th, December 10th, January 14th, March 10th, April 14th, May 12th

**Closing Prayer**