



Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

October 21, 2021

6:30 PM at the Parish Center

Present: Father Shofner, Jeff Schultz, Jim Sullivan, George Riviere and Joyce Swenson

Absent: Diann Wiederich

- Opening Prayer by Father Shofner
- Approve previous meeting notes – motion by Jim, second by George, notes approved.
- Old Business
 - Usher follow-up: Adam Bemmels. Suggest trying the old way which meant having a monthly schedule. Jeff will talk to Adam and wonders if he has time to deal with it, if not, Jeff may take it over. COVID eliminated a number of ushers. Get a list from Adam (Shawn Kirby may also have a list) and send out a questioner to all former ushers – are they interested and how many do we need. Some masses had no ushers initially, but some showed up into the mass.
 - Should we bring back the greeters? Mary Hammer coordinated the greeter schedule. Maybe husband/wife teams could work. We need to work on being more welcoming. George will talk to Mary Hammer to find out the status.
- Fr. Shofner updates
- The first Leadership Meeting was held 10/12/21 which was the result of the Parish Leadership Team (PLT) consisting of Ruth Vortherms, Abby Lewis and Lukas Loose and developing the culture. Father explained there are three cultures.
 - Active Prayer (pray with each other now)
 - Effective Teamwork Model – based on the pyramid graphic with trust at the base, followed by healthy conflict, commitment, accountability and topped off with results.
 - Active Discipleship – walk with each other in a Christ like way.

Father shared how you spread the culture using the same model Jesus used: Pastor – PLT – Staff and Leadership – parish – world. Some people who have participated in the Synod want to be disciples and need to be ready for the spread of an intentional mission. The mission is to create disciples. Faribault and other congregations have already starting working on this.

The next Leadership Meeting is scheduled for 11/10/21. Then they will be bi-monthly. The November meeting will review the structure and discuss how you can enter into prayer with others as requested by the Stewardship Committee.

- Pastoral Council activities
 - Annual Report- take over from Finance Council. Jim received an email from Brian Pfarr (chair of the Finance Council) agreeing it makes sense for the Pastoral Council to coordinate the Annual Report, rather than the Finance Council.
 - Jim will coordinate this activity and send a request to the various

councils/committees asking for their report. Jim will forward the reports to Father who will format these reports for publication. The goal is to have these reports to the parish November 20-21. We may need help stapling, etc. Joyce volunteered to assist with assembly.

- Project point person (buildings/grounds/maintenance). Mention of Ron Schaffler and Terry Genelin coordinating this effort together. George will talk to them. Brian Pfarr emailed a list of maintenance priorities for the church and school. He mentioned setting a financial threshold to act on projects without needing to seek the FC permission/approval.
- Stewardship Committee updates
 - Donut Sunday was a success
 - Gala- next weekend
 - Coordinate efforts/support other groups- Come to the Table (1st event) scheduled for 11/3/21. The Stewardship Committee will help the CCW with the event and will provide a couple of project stations to make rosaries and birthday bags.
 - Planning book studies for after Synod

The suggestion was made to create a common calendar to list out projects/events so the various committees can see where help may be required.

- Round Table - Share your concerns that you hear from parishioners or other relevant news.
 - After the Marathon someone questioned how do we get the same enthusiasm for the Parish as for the school? Father indicated the school is very clear about their needs and the church is not. Can the church use the same model as the school to achieve success?
 - A question was raised if the church could offer bingo as a fundraising opportunity. A special license is necessary
- The next meeting was scheduled for November 17, 7:30PM at the Parish Center. This is a change of day of week and time.
- Closing Prayer by Father Shofner.
- Motion to close by Joyce, second by Jim, motion passed.