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# Leadership Night Report

**Our Sacred Purpose** *Our Lady of the Black Hills exists to proclaim the Joy of the Gospel to all creation and to transform lives with the Father's mercy.*

**Vision** *Build with the Mercy of the Father*

## Pastoral Council 12.9.2021

Present: Father Andrzej Wyrostek, Cathleen Denekamp, Deacon John Osnes, Deacon Greg Sass, Lorinda Collings, Erik Haakedahl, Tee Burress, Barb Landers, Bridgette Fode, Bob Weaver, Brad Blauvelt, Katie Harwood

The meeting opened with share outs from the commissions as under each commission. The building committee shared the sound system is waiting on parts so it will be installed post-Christmas. On our end we will need to run internet connection. They will meet on December 14<sup>th</sup> and will begin meeting only three times per year instead of more regularly. The first quarter financials [July-September 2021] show we are over by \$6K in projected contributions which is significant for this quarter in that it is usually lower grossing. Building and equipment is currently over budget due to the expenses being incurred early in the year and will balance with the budget as the year goes on. Faith Formation is currently \$5K under budget. Overall, we are \$7,600 under budget for expenses. There is \$9,346 currently in the fund for the new sound system. There is a miscellaneous expense noted that is the donation made to the sisters who have come to the diocese to support their initial costs. It was noted that on January 8-9, 2022, we will have town hall meetings regarding the local church strategies for the future. The meeting will outline the principles guiding the strategic plan, this will be heavy on information and lighter on feedback. It was noted to remind the door company that the gap between the front doors needs to be addressed.

All Commissions were asked to answer the following questions regarding the Synod on Synodality being led by the Pope. The answers are recorded in each commissions area.

### QUESTIONS:

1. In our local Church, who are those that “walk together”? Who are those that are set further apart?
2. How is God speaking to us? What facilitates or inhibits our listening and why?
3. What enables or hinders speaking up courageously and with responsibility in our local Church and society?
4. How do prayer and liturgical celebrations actually inspire and guide our common life and mission in our community?
5. How do we promote the active participation of all the faithful in the liturgy?
6. Since we are all missionary disciples, how is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church?
7. What keeps baptized persons from being active in the mission of the Church?
8. What are the places and mean of dialogue within our local Church?
9. How are divergences of vision, or conflicts and difficulties addressed?
10. How does the Church dialogue with and learn from other sectors of society?
11. What relationships does our Church community have with members of other Christian traditions and denominations?
12. What do we share, and how do we journey together?
13. How is authority or governance exercised within our local Church? How are responsibilities of lay people promoted?
14. Do our decision-making methods help us to listen to the whole People of God?
15. What is the relationship between consultation and decision making and how do we put these into practice?

## Pastoral Council notes on question responses for the Synod on Synodality

1. Those who are committed Catholics, KofC, those that participate, "in crowd". Those who are unified in faith trying to grow. Those further apart are those more secular, those that attend with no added participation, cafeteria Catholics.
2. He speaks to us at all times if we listen. This is different for everyone. Inhibitors include TV, fun time, distractions, busyness. Opportunities to grow in faith facilitate this.
3. Enables: Scriptures, education, support, humility, trust in God, community. Inhibits: Divisiveness in society, avoid confrontation, lack of knowledge.
4. You cannot be involved without actually participating. Familial bonds are formed with those who participate. 'Doing the liturgy well' aids in growing the community. Aim to inspire and guide with an emphasis on the liturgy.
5. Welcoming – no pressure or intimidation. Lead by example. One on one invitation. Easy resources such as worship aids etc. Small gestures from the Altar.
6. Teaching, participation, invitation, encouraging-pointing out the good in people, being an example, showing up, helping others identify their gifts, RIM – relationship, identity, mission.
7. Many think they have graduated. Lack of knowledge. Fear of inadequacy. Parents lack of understanding the faith. Bad experience. Habits.
8. Community events. Commissions, parish council, bulletin, emails, website, social media, faith formation, live streaming.
9. From the pulpit by keeping people informed. Through appropriate timing. By asking for input and listening to feedback.
10. Through direction from the diocese, using social and broadcast media, using other entities for knowledge – healthcare during COVID, Ecumenical meetings. Emphasis of families on faith.
11. Ecumenical services, the ministerial association, jail ministry, food pantry, love of neighbor, SSVdP, provide resources, responsible for all souls in our area, respect for all denominations.
12. Potlucks, KC events, coffee and rolls, young family gatherings, Parish Feast Day, fall festival, Theology on Tap, Faith Formation opportunities, Teaching Tuesday, RCIA
13. Commissions, Committees, Councils, find peoples gifts, being asked, put out information, ask for input, education, by the priest. Through relationship.
14. Input, surveys, information dissemination, planning, forward motion.
15. Humility.

## Stewardship Council 5.13.2021

Present: Andrew Boyd, John Kersteins, Tee Burress, Ryan Turnquist, John Osnes

Their answers were relayed during the pastoral council discussion regarding they Synod on Synodality.

## Social Justice Commission 12.9.2021

PRESENT: Bob Weaver, Brad Blauvelt, and Kathy Van Asma

ABSENT: Barb Landers

Father Andrzej requested that each commission discuss the provided questions about Synod on Synodality. The entire meeting was taken up with the discussion questions presented.

All present members had written their own ideas and were planning to give them to Katie. From these work sheets the following conclusions came forward:

A.) Facilitators must create a "safe environment" for discussion. To encourage participation a person must not fear expressing their opinion for fear of retaliation, unkindness or the feeling of loneliness in standing apart.

B.) An environment must not encourage merely negative criticism, but positive input as well. We must make a point of complimenting.

C.) Prayer must be in all conversation.

D.) Discussion requires active participation and responsibility, not just sitting on the sidelines.

E.) Must remember that The Church Community includes all souls, not just

the Catholics, ex: food Pantry.

F.) Share the gifts that God has given each of us. Be aware of new people and acknowledge them. Welcome them.

G.) Help the faithful to understand the liturgy. Make liturgy beautiful to

honor God and to create an awe-inspiring environment for the worshiper.

### **Administration Commission 12.9.2021**

**Present:** Erik Haakedahl, Bridgette Fode, LaChel McCollar, Jeremy Thompson

It was noted that the building committee will be going to a quarterly meeting format so the larger projects can be determined and then executed rather than meeting more often. At their meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>, they will discuss cooling downstairs. It was noted that the Stewardship Fair will be held May 2022.

Father Andrzej requested that each commission discuss the provided questions about Synod on Synodality:

1. Together: those involved Apart: those that show up only Sundays or less
2. Through Gospel, prayer, everything if you are open to it. Facilitates: silence, practicing silence, learning opportunities to find silence. Inhibits: difficult to shut mind off; finding internal silence.
3. Enables: Education, being in a group of likeminded individuals, support. Hinders: Divisiveness in society, afraid of not knowing enough, avoiding confrontation.
4. More involvement with parish/diocese the easier it is to take into common life; keeps values stronger.
5. By example, one on one invitation/conversation, be welcoming, easy resources.
6. Participation, example, showing up, inviting, evangelizing.
7. Bad experience, outside influences, family, habits, lack of knowledge.
8. Emails, bulletins, remind, website, meals, phone calls, parish events and organizations.
9. Keeping people informed, asking for input and feedback, having a plan based on input.
10. Internal controls, external reviews, take direction from the diocese, volunteering, supporting other Christian endeavors.
11. Food pantry, ecumenical services, ministerial association, open door to other pastors, providing resources, SSVdP.
12. Through trials, prayer community, community – various gatherings and organizations.
13. Committees, commissions, councils, by being asked, responsibilities based on trust and good will
14. We try our best to have a cross section of leaders that are open and visible.
15. We try to do surveys and host information.

### **Evangelization Commission 12.9.2021**

**Present:** Amy Haakenson, Richard Long, Pam Freeman

Answers to the Synod on Synodality

1. People who are very active stick with others who participate to the same degree.
2. In the small breaks in the day, taking time to be still and pray. Not getting distracted by the day's events.
3. Being met with close minded judgement that prevents open dialogue.
4. With prayer as a daily constant, we maintain a relationship with God, which guides and inspires us to lead others to participate in liturgical celebrations.
5. Through personal invitation and encouraging people to serve in a variety of ways, at each of their comfort levels.
6. In the way that God leads them.
7. Comfort level, wavering faith, some people can be fickle.
8. Parish library, extra materials during the liturgical year, Magnificat and Word Among Us.
9. On an individual case basis.
10. While the church does not waver in its teachings, we do outreach and serve those outside of our parish and listen to their needs.
11. Fr. Andrzej meets with other local pastors in the past we have had joint prayer services and gone trick or treating for canned goods with other churches.
12. We share our faith when people are open, we try to meet people where they are.
13. Through pastoral council and the commissions.
14. We hope so.
15. We are unsure.

Worship Commission did not meet.