

## **Amazing Parish Team Minutes - February 8, 2016**

Present: Father Pete, Becca Weist, Dennis and Julie Makoutz, Ann Marie Dose, Maria Schultz, Rebecca Stolz, Deacon David Dose

*Note: SM=St. Mary's - SP= St. Patrick's*

- The meeting began with Mass

### **We began with the Homework assignment for APT which was to:**

1. Prayerfully reflect and discern "A Clear Vision & Plan" (page 41 from the Amazing Parish Conference, attached) keeping in mind how do we best communicate with our parish family and how do we see APT 6 months from now (July 2016)
2. Define 3-6 actionable items that will begin in 6 months
3. Each member of APT will be given up to 5 minutes to share the next goals and objectives and the 3-6 actionable items necessary to meet them.

Julie: see attachment

#### **Becca: Goal: Improve Hospitality**

Defining Objectives: 1) Clear expectations; 2) Correct leaders; 3) Improve visibility of leaders and define expectations; 4) New members; 5) Training or refresher training; 6) Celebrate successes; 7) Clear schedules.

#### **Father Pete: Goal: God is at the Center; Celebrate Catholicism**

Defining Objectives: 1) Renew-large group; 2) Small groups also important; 3) Do our best with parents of Faith Formation; 4) Liturgy; 5) Invite community to learn who we are and that Jesus is at our center.

#### **Deacon David and Ann Marie: Goal: Small Group Discipleship**

Defining Objectives: 1) Mass; 2) Sacraments; 3) Connection to Diocese; 4) Laity involvement; 5) Finances; 6) Prayer. This can be achieved by doing surveys – what do people want; ask all age groups; who are the other movers & shakers; address logistics; explore other programs.

Rebecca Stolz and Maria Schultz combined:

Rebecca presented the answer to #1 of assignment: **Communications:** 1). How do we define our relationship with other groups?

Our relationship is more of a visionary one. The APT will guide and be 'invisible' in their role of providing a solid foundation for our parishes by having a clear plan of leadership through **reliance on prayer** and following the principles of the 4 'building blocks' (Sunday experience, compelling formation, small group discipleship, missionary zeal). We will be the "undercurrent" that flows through our parishes using the 'seven traits' as a guide.

2) How do we best communicate to other groups?

We will provide an overview of the APT Seven Traits diagram and role of APT at the next organizational/committee meetings. Since APT is a new organization and other parish committees don't fully understand the role of APT, it should be an ongoing 'education' process. In order to do this, ongoing communication will take place by brief updates at meetings (many APT members already attend these meetings), and minutes put in bulletin. We will use the Seven Traits diagram as visual to explain how we are already doing many of the items in each category (the building blocks/prayer, etc.). We will use the Seven Traits diagram to place on parish website, insert in bulletin, etc.

#### **Maria Schultz addressed part 2 of the assignment: Goal: Living the Year of Mercy**

Defining Objectives: 1) Life in the Spirit Seminar; 2) Sacrament of Penance; 3) Youth; 4) Ministry Appreciation/Time/Talent Event; 5) Large groups (POP on Mercy)/parish retreat/Renew; 6) Form Pro-life Committees

Dennis: Goal: 1) Ministries and 2) Fall Catholicism 101 / Renew / POP Sessions

Defining Objectives for Ministry: A) Ministry Sign Up - - we need to establish a date for when parish members can sign up for the Liturgical Ministries which should help the Sunday Experience; B) Ministry Recognition-Breakfast/Lunch; C) List of Ministries - potentially add in any needed Liturgical Ministry items. For example, Cantor, Choir, Music focus; D) Ministry Education- brief review of all Liturgical Ministry areas. If any sessions are needed give brief education on what is expected for that new ministry; E) Formation of a team to coordinate, perhaps the Liturgy Committee could help in making this event happen.

Defining Objectives for Catholicism 101/Renew/POP Sessions:

Given the difficult times that the Catholic Church is going through, we need to get back to the basics. Why are we Catholic? Where are our roots? What is your relationship with Jesus? Connect with other parishioners, activate the inactive, etc. A) Formulate a group that can go off and start the work (now); B) Determine the "scope" of the fall session (length and number of sessions); C) Work on the overall plan (include the Youth, Young Adults, Adults, active and inactive).

**Response to how to best communicate:** Perhaps the Planning Subcommittee will not be needed in the same capacity as it currently is; perhaps use them as 'resources' to rely on to help the items that the APT come up with. Dennis sees the APT being the leader in defining and driving the parish actions to make them AMAZING by using other parish members (like the Planning Subcommittee to implement the actions).

After further discussion, it was concluded that we move forward by addressing the following:

- 1) Catholicism 101/'Renew' type program for Fall 2016;
- 2) Address Ministry Issues; and
- 3) Communication to Parishioners

Catholicism 101:

Define Core Team: Father Pete, Deacon David  
Julie will look for Renew resources

Ministry: Maria and Becca – SM; Ann Marie SP

List of Ministries

Ministry Training

Liturgy Committee

**How to communicate to parishioners:**

Rebecca, Ann Marie and Julie will work on creating a document to be presented at meetings

**Discussion moved to new website:**

It was determined that the Homepage will be updated or changed with proper approvals. Julie and Dennis will keep the SP page current. Announcements will be made that the website will go live on February 14.

- **Next meeting** – Monday, February 22, 2016 beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm at Father's house

Observations: NA

Closing Prayer: There was no closing prayer

Maria Schultz, Recorder