

Amazing Parish Team Minutes – August 1, 2016

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

Chair: Dennis; Observer: Becca; Timekeeper: Ann Marie; Recorder: Maria

Absent: Deacon David Dose

Note: SM=St. Mary's - SP= St. Patrick's – JPPC=Joint Parish Pastoral Council

The meeting began with Mass

Sunday Experience

- Joint Liturgy Assessment Meeting – AMD reported on the progress made during the meeting held at SP on Wednesday, July 13 (see Minutes Joint Liturgy Meeting 07.13.16). Action items include not announcing the names of those in ministry before Mass and Deacon Dave doing the petitions exception of children's Masses. Father explained that "people should not be set aside" for particular ministry roles at Mass. There is no liturgical rule on doing this. The decision was to try it on a trial basis and see if there was any feedback and then revisit the change.
- The action items that have been instituted created lively discussion. Concern was raised that this meeting was to be an assessment only meeting, not a meeting with defined action items. Parishioners at SP have asked about these changes and want to maintain the familiarity of being able to fill in if people are not present at Mass (there has been no known feedback at SM). It was also noted that each parish has its own dynamics which are unique and similarity is not necessary.
- Additional suggestions to be addressed at the next liturgy meeting include:
 - monthly teaching by Father during Mass
 - welcome the person next to you
 - children involvement
 - quiet time before, during and after Mass; concern at SP that conversation and lack of silence is part of who they are as a welcoming community whereas SM offers more silence before Mass, but not after Mass.
 - music – invite parishioners to play an instrument
 - environment (including flowers, pictures, etc.)
 - SM – Children would like to be more involved
 - Definition of "Liturgy Committee" is needed
 - APT members will be copied on all communication regarding liturgy

Real Leadership Team and Clear Vision and Plan:

This led the discussion to 'what is the role of APT'? See homework action items

Discussion points included:

- APT puts the plan in place with defined action items and then communicate to PC (Pastoral Council)
- APT is the overall guide that sets the direction to make our parishes amazing
- Clear communication of APT is needed for PC members as well as all parishioners
- PC is pastoral planning – Father explained that he went to the Joint PC and said "we have to do pastoral planning or we will die...." (2014)
- APT should set the direction, not micromanage
- How do we answer the question "What is the APT?" Suggested answer: "We are helping to establish direction by making our parishes amazing with prayer as the foundation, having a real leadership team with a clear vision & plan, enhancing the Sunday Experience, with Compelling formation, small group discipleship and missionary zeal." (see homework assignment)

Discussion then began of 'what is the role of pastoral council?' Father clarified: "technically it is an advisory role to the pastor." Two-way communication is needed between the PC and other committees. How are the PC and APT the same? How are they different?

Missionary Zeal: The question was raised and discussion followed regarding new members: who is the point person at SM for the various ministries? When new members register, there should be someone who can follow-up with helping individuals get involved in ministries. Suggestion: perhaps these 'point persons' could be the people to form the liturgy committee? SP is trying something new in October to invite people to get involved in ministries. It was determined that a time, treasure, talent event is needed this fall. After recruitment, training for new people and refresher training for current people will be provided.

Compelling Formation:

Catholicism 101 Update: For now called "Being Catholic: Believe, pray, live." The summary of upcoming planned events was shared (see meeting notes of July 22, 2016). Learning centers are now a lower priority.

Team building exercises were put on hold.

Next meeting: Monday, August 22, 2016 beginning with Mass at 7:00 pm at the Rectory

Action Items/Homework for Next Meeting:

Team Action Items:

- Define the role of APT
- Define our relationship with other groups/committees/councils (see page 41 of "Clear Vision & Plan"). Consider what needs to go through APT; what does not need to go through APT.
- Where do we want to move forward to
- Why are we here
- Contact other parishes that attended the APT conference in 2015. Inquire how things are going and how do they work with other committees (Becca, Julie, Rebecca, Paul). All APT members will be copied on email correspondence and all are asked to do a "reply all" when making comments.

Father Pete Action Items:

- Do research on church teaching of pastoral councils
- Provide a template for time, treasure, talent form
- Announce at various time what the APT is doing in order to communicate who/what APT is

Maria Action Items:

- Ask LaVada to add Mission Statement to front of bulletin once per month (unclear of the details for bulletin at SP)
- When DOW offers prayer cards for vocations, order enough for each missalette

Observation: We're finally going to get to the meat and potatoes. We spend a lot of time looking at small details that maybe don't belong to us. Catholicism 101 is really good. The Liturgy assessments are really good.

Observation from Father on the Appreciation picnic held Sunday, July 31 for the councils and committees: It was a wonderful picnic. So good to see so many children there!

Closing Prayer: Father asked for Our Lady's intercession as we prayed the Hail Mary and gave a blessing.

Maria Schultz, Recorder