

MINUTES

Churches of St. Patrick and St. Mary of the Lake - Joint Pastoral Council

Site: St. Patrick – West Albany

November 10, 2016

MISSION STATEMENT: *To use our resources, wisdom and energy to empower and encourage parish families and surrounding communities so that people see Christ in our works and commitment to make our parishes thrive and grow and to share our faith with others.*

VISION STATEMENT 2013: *“Ten years from now there will be twice as many parishioners involved and active in the parish and through us, all will know and experience Christ.”*

Present: Father Pete, Marilyn and Jerry Pfeilsticker, Bill Diedrich, Ben Bly, Bob Wenger, Ann Marie Dose, Meg Sprick, Dennis Makoutz

Absent: Lea Sexton, Marty Foster

Guests: Amazing Parish Team: Becca Weist, Rebecca Stolz; Absent: Paul Kluesner, Julie Makoutz

Opening Prayer	Prayer for Jubilee Year of Mercy led by Maria Schultz who substituted for Mary Foster who was absent
Meeting roles	Chair: Meg Sprick Timekeeper: Jerry Pfeilsticker Recorder: Maria Schultz Observer: Ann Marie Dose
Agenda Approval Minutes Review	Approved Approved
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Amazing Parish Team (APT) <p>FOCUS Evaluation of Catholicism 101 Events</p>	<p>Father Pete gave a summary of how the Amazing Parish Team (APT) began and each member gave a short summary of why they wanted to be on the team. Comments included ‘wanted to see good things happen in our parish; opportunity to begin new vibrant programs to make our parishes amazing; to get potential ideas to make parishes even more amazing.’ Father concluded by stating that we have to stay a step ahead or we will die. It was also noted that the conference expenses were paid by the DOW.</p> <p>The focus of this meeting was to evaluate what has been accomplished with Catholicism 101 and to present 6-month goals to the PC for support and implementation. Evaluation comments included: Paul Todd Concert: Very good; one problem was that it was held mid-week (which was the only date available on Paul Todd’s Midwest concert tour); generally, all agreed it was very good.</p> <p>Sr. Paul Mary Talk on Year of Mercy – very good; wished more people would have attended; several people appreciated the connection of Year of Mercy and Penance; one comment included it was frustrating that the microphone encountered problems.</p> <p>Mass of Remembrance – although this was not part of the Catholicism 101 plan, there were many positive comments that this Mass was very much appreciated and needed. It was very good.</p> <p>Q&A after Mass – very informational; too bad more people don’t attend. There was discussion with ideas on how to get more people to attend these sessions. An invitation that these sessions are for everyone, not just for those who are unsure about the Catholic faith; these are opportunities to learn more.</p> <p>Action Item: The PC was instructed to “listen to what people have to say; what suggestions they might have” as we move into the future and make further plans to</p>

	<p>make our parishes amazing. One suggestion that has been made is to have a parish-wide retreat.</p> <p>SP – On Sunday, November 13 - eliminate the closing hymn. After the final blessing and dismissal, Father will begin the Q&A which will last 10-15 minutes.</p>
6-Month Goals: Initiate Small Groups	<p>Small Groups – the Parish Council was requested to host or organize small groups. At SP – A women’s book study has been organized and is well attended Action Item: Parish council members to come up with small group ideas by February 2017.</p>
Address Parish Vision	<p>SM and SP – Plan to address our parish vision of: <i>“Ten years from now there will be twice as many parishioners involved and active in the parish and through us, all will know and experience Christ.”</i></p>
Dinner with Father and Parishioners	<p>Dinner with Father and Parishioners – PC members are asked to champion this ministry. They can host a dinner with Father and one to two other parishioners or invite a family to host a dinner. The goal – SP – 3 dinners by the end of December; SM – Add to agenda for January 2017 meeting or a PC member can ‘just do it!’</p>
Liturgy/Sunday Experience	<p>SP recently held a Sunday Experience/Liturgy Committee meeting. We continually are looking for ways to improve – inviting one person at a time to take a part in ministry. Plans for Advent include sharing the story of the legend of the candy cane with the children on Christmas Eve.</p>
Pastor’s Report	<p>SM – First grade class will do something for Christmas at the last class (Wednesday, December 21). The comment was made that some parishioners have expressed frustrations with conflicting ministry schedules. This will be discussed further at the January SM PC meeting.</p> <p>Father has invited the Hispanic community to participate in the SM Christmas Bazaar. Unfortunately, they are unable to attend on a Saturday, but could be available on a Sunday. Discussion of SP hosting a Hispanic breakfast in West Albany is ongoing. The Council was encouraged to keep thinking of ways to invite them.</p> <p>Father reminded the Council that there will be a Thanksgiving Mass held at St. Joseph’s in Theilman on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM.</p>
New Business:	NA
Old Business:	NA
Hispanic Community	See Pastor’s Report
Observer Comments	Good energy and good discussion; everyone had a chance to share and discuss something.
Next Meetings:	<p>St. Patrick PC – Thursday, January 19, 2017 – Mass at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:00 PM (Meg to lead prayer)</p> <p>St. Mary PC – Thursday, January 26, 2017 – Mass at 6:00 PM and Meeting at 6:30 PM (Bob to lead prayer)</p> <p>Joint PC at St. Mary: Thursday, February 9, 2017 — Mass at 6:30 PM and Meeting at 7:00 PM - AMD to lead prayer</p>
Closing Prayer:	Blessing given by Deacon David Dose.

