

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes 3/22/16

Attendance: Katie Edmonds, Betty Jean Cordill, Mary Dunbar, Marilyn Terhaar, Clarissa Bay, Mary Fogarty, Ana Nava, Victor Nava, Fr. Basil, Mindy Doeden, Fr. William

Opening reflection lead by Mindy Doeden.

Guest, Gene Pfeifer, presented concerns about the Narthex Project and proposed an alternate plan. This proposed plan is very similar, if not the same, to a plan he has previously submitted to the Administrative Council. After discussion, council members agreed that they did not see any particular pastoral issues related to the present Narthex Plan. The Council voted to refer Mr. Pfeifer's concerns back to the Administrative Council and Building Committee.

### Updates:

- **Small Faith Sharing Groups** (Marilyn Terhaar) – Surveys will be given to the leaders of the eight groups that have been meeting this Lenten season. Feedback will help with facilitating next year's groups.
- **Audit Report** (Fr. William) – The audit report from the Archdiocese is still not back.
- **Easter Social/Tamale Sale** (Fr. William) – To encourage fellowship, parishioners will be invited to stop by the church hall after Masses on Easter morning. Our Hispanic Community will be selling tamales. Sister Rocio will have a special treat for all children. Fr. William has volunteered to provide coffee cake for all. Katie Edmonds has volunteered to help serve after 8AM Mass. More help is needed and will be appreciated.
- **Women's Group** (Betty Jean Cordill) – The newly formed women's group had its first meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup>. The women in attendance discussed the goals of this group. They came up with a threefold set including: to provide spiritual, social, and service aspects to their work. They also desire to have strong participation from women from both the Anglo and Hispanic communities. The women's group will begin to host Coffee And Fellowship once a month starting in May. They plan to speak at all Masses to introduce the new group and invite women to participate, with a formal membership drive in the fall. All women in the parish are invited to join! The group also plans to take charge of the ministry of welcoming newcomers to our parish.
  - Betty Jean and Ana Nava will meet to discuss how this ministry will encourage unity within Anglo/Hispanic relations, too.

- A second meeting will take place March 28<sup>th</sup>. Future meetings will be determined at that time.
- **Pew Cards** (Katie Edmonds) – Janelle Gaspar has shown an interest in making pew cards. These cards will be placed in holders on the back of each pew and will include information about our parish and an invitation to join.
  - Katie continues to work with Janelle on the cards.
- **Parish Unity Task Force** (Ana and Victor Nava) – The first meeting for this task force took place last week. Chairpersons, Ana Nava, Victor Nava and Bob Schaefer lead a very positive meeting with productive conversation. Goals for this task force were formed including:
  - Educating parishioners on cultural differences (Father will ask Elizabeth Peters if she is interested in providing and presenting some material.)
  - Planning of events intended to promote intermingling
  - Encouraging more confidence in talking and interactions
  - Having some concrete proposals for our new pastor by June
  - The next meeting will take place April 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Business:**

- **Faith Formation/Youth Group** (Fr. William, Katie Edmonds) – Discussion took place as to what next year's Faith Formation will look like. Our youth programs including high school, middle school, Family Faith Formation and First Communion need to be evaluated, as well as how to best use staff for programs. Fr. William especially stresses that we need an improved Sacramental Prep course for the Anglo community. Uniting Hispanic and Anglo faith formation was also discussed.
  - A meeting with Catechists from the Hispanic community, Fr. William, Fr. Basil, and three members of the Pastoral Council will take place April 3<sup>rd</sup> to explore the topic of unifying the two programs.
  - Our Faith Formation Task Force will also meet April 16<sup>th</sup> to evaluate and work on these issues. Council Members participating in the Task Force are: Mary Dunbar, Mindy Doeden, and Katie Edmonds. Fr. William's hope is for this Task Force to develop one or more plans for Faith Formation that the new Pastor can evaluate and possibly choose to implement.

- **Website Opportunity** (Katie Edmonds) – A new website platform has been offered to parishes in our Archdiocese. It is called eCatholic websites. For \$50/month, this service would move our current website hosting. This new platform offers an interface for administrators to more easily add complicated features, update content, and keep the website well maintained and relevant. We would be provided with a dedicated support person, and given access to many prebuilt features including: bulletin format, Eucharistic Adoration Chapel schedule and sign-up, flock notes (text feeds), Blue Pay (similar to Parish Pay), access to online Faith Formation registrations and event permission forms, over 4,500 free photo images, etc. We would continue to have a chosen Administrator from our parish to oversee the website, through this program. It would be very easy to include staff and parishioners (youth) in the supervised addition of content.
  - Katie will request a free mock up of our website on this new platform for further review and consideration.
  - This idea will be presented to the Administrative Council for review.
- **Parish Ministry Assessment** (Fr. William, Katie) - Forms were sent out to leaders of Parish Ministries asking for specific information on the happenings of their ministries. These will be summarized and presented to the Archdiocese and used in our upcoming council meeting with the Vicar of Clergy in April. The Pastoral Council, for planning purposes, will also use this information.
- **Marriage and Family Life Ministry** (Fr. William) – Father asked us to think of parish members who might have talents and interests in areas pertaining to marriage and family life. He is looking for leaders to brainstorm and start ministries in these areas.
- **Meeting with Vicar of Clergy** (Katie) – Administrative and Pastoral Council members will meet with Father Todd Molinari on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Parish Center. Fr. Molinari will be asking questions of “assigned” council members, and following, there will be an open questions/answer/general comments time for those attending.
  - Katie Edmonds and Kathy Beutler will provide refreshments.
  - Mary Fogarty volunteered to answer questions pertaining to Ministry of the Worship.
  - Mary Dunbar will consider making herself available to answer questions related to Pastoral Care.

- Laura Salgado, Victor Nava and Ana Nava will make themselves available to answer questions about Hispanic Ministry.
- **Retirement Celebration for Fr. William** – A celebration will take place Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup> for Fr. William. Save the date; plans are in the making!

Our next Pastoral Council Meeting will take place April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7PM in the Parish Center. **Note this is a change from our regular meeting time!**