

Collaborative Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes: January 17, 2019; 7:00 pm

In attendance: Mary Farren, Lija Joseph,, Yasmine Dalton, Ann Wilcox, Kathie Long, Jeff Gallant, Brian Romer Niemiec, Fr. John Sassani, Rosemary Seibold, Kristina Preman, Colin Foley, Keirnan Klosek, Mike Keohane

Review of the Survey Results/Participation #'s

The council has had the numbers for review and the following comments were made:

- #'s back up what people say (at OL) with regard to the decreasing attendance.
- Correlates the fact the older, practicing Catholics are moving out and younger families with less established faith practices are moving in.
- City census next year but the trend noted is younger families, rentals, multicultural.

With regard to the actual count, the following points were discussed:

- Numbers used for the attendance count are from the 4 weekends in October at both parishes.
- OL's consistently counts at every mass immediately following the first reading.
- 750 families registered at Sacred Heart;
- 4,431 families registered at Our Lady's. ...people are still registering at Our Lady's because that number is up from 3,200. It should be noted that once registered, you remain registered. 2,895 of those registered families are inactive
- Are the large numbers reflective of a community that was drawn in by Walter Cunin and is now re-setting?

General consensus that there is difficulty placing too much stock in the disciple maker data when the response, collaborative wide was only 117. It can be a useful tool for identifying trends, however it should not be used for making decisions with regard to the pastoral plan.

Council broke into parish groups for a 40-minute discussion with regard to priorities for the new pastoral plan. Where do we go from here? The writing teams who will be meeting this weekend will use this information. What is most critical...the key areas and points you want to include:

Our Lady's:

Much of the conversation centered around the Sunday experience:

- Witness speakers – diverse group of people – presented on web site, at mass, in print.
- Hospitality table – it's working – how do we grow it?
- Faith sharing – how do we grow it, generate new leaders, are 2 six week sessions enough?
- Faith festivals – parish should take ownership
- Buddy families
- Social Events – Fellowship- common skills and talents (basket ball, running group)
- Teaching masses to continue in some form.
- So much talent comes in and out of our pews...investing in developing leadership takes time and an invitation

Sacred Heart

Discussion centered around:

- Continuing and intentionally engaging families: particularly into religious ed.
- Host families for new parishioners
- Religious Ed may not be sustainable long term in its current form – what should be done.

Sacred Heart Rectory Follow up

Montessori Pre school, current tenants (with long term lease) – presented another space option for consideration.

The convent top floor would be renovated to provide space for their growing enrollment.

The bottom two floors could be renovated to provide pastoral space, leaving the rectory as is for now,

Estimated price tag for renovation - 3 Million dollars

Monthly Calendar

Proposed monthly calendar that would serve many functions:

- Reminder of meetings and activities
- Visual aid that speaks to the life of the parish
- Provides a resource to folks looking to get involved.

To be discussed at next staff meeting.

Passion Play in Southern Germany

Proposed parish sponsored trip to see the Passion play/ tour the area of Oberammergau, Germany. This play is put on every 10 years...the last year of each decade.

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Photo and expanded bio of Council Members Suggestion that this visual aid be included in the bulletin as a resource so that the congregation knows who is representing them. Approved.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm – at Sacred Heart

Respectfully submitted,
Ginny Arpino