

Meeting Summary

Date of Meeting: May 8th, 2019

Meeting: SLDM Parish Council Meeting

Scribe: Chad Greene

Attendees: Father Pat, Father Travis, Jaime Anderson, Chad Greene, Chris Harper, Jeff Grasser, Jeff Oelker, Alan Lessard

Absent: Pat Clarke, Scot Boutcher, Louie Jorczak, Mark Mader, Chad Melloh, Steve Schwegman

Agenda Items:

1. Opening Prayer:

- a. Father Pat lead us in opening prayer.

2. Parish Council Co-chair and Scribe:

- a. Alan has graciously volunteered and will be the new co-Chair
- b. Chad Greene will be taking over as scribe

3. New Ministry Assignments:

- a. Let's try and make a meaningful and intentional relationship between the Parish Council and the ministries. Let's build a strong community!
 - i. Each liaison should try and pick up the phone, volunteer with the ministry, or schedule a coffee meeting rather than just dealing with email. This will help build a more meaningful and personal relationship.
 - ii. Make sure that they are aware of the parish plan and how they fit into that plan. ask them how they think they can fit into it and also give suggestions on where you might think they could help.
- b. Potentially try and rework the ministry and Parish Council relationship system.
 - i. rather than have a liaison for each individual ministry, we would have 2-3 parish council members per pillar.

- ii. Each pillar have a head and then the head is who the council speaks with in regards to the plans?
- c. Jeff will go around and talk with staff and other council members to get their thoughts on restructuring.
- d. Annual Ministry report is now available online as well as paper form. This should be done before the gathering.

4. Parish Priority Plan:

- a. Jeff gave an update on the goals
 - i. **Enhance the Culture of Welcome at our Parish-**
 - 1. Getting more information online
 - 2. Parishioners will be able to fill out the database online so we have accurate information as there are currently a lot of holes in the information.
 - 3. Name tag sunday in June 9th
 - 4. Legion of Mary are going to talk about what they can do to help with the elders in the church and the transportation.
 - 5. There has already been a couple of successes with people who need rides being paired with a driver.
 - ii. **Strengthen the Prayer life and formation of adults in the parish**
 - 1. Small faith community- youth ministry, family, small groups.
 - 2. Work in progress.
 - 3. Small family groups a success
 - 4. Enhance aspects of traditions
 - a. Benediction
 - b. anointing of the sick to come soon
 - c. continue the rosary after mass
 - iii. **Support and inspire Faith in our families from SLDM School and RE Program**
 - 1. work in process

2. Scott stuart - looking at opportunities, trying to be more inclusive for non school kids. Bring in report cards, honors put it in the bulletin

iv. Engaging Discipleship for youth and young adults in our parish community

1. dave neeson is working on it and doing a great job
2. College students- sent care packages
3. Engage young adults
 - a. Young families - small groups
 - b. Gathering of all groups to happen soon so that they can share what they liked, what can change

v. Service & outreach to those in need and the unchurched in our community

1. Nurse program - done
 - a. Health fair potentially in the winter. Feb? Gym?
2. Fishers farmers market
 - a. ongoing starting this month.
 - b. Ordering marketing material.
3. Invite a friend to mass day
 - a. 3rd sunday bring a friend to mass.
4. Provide volunteers to assist
 - a. work in progress
5. Mission work
 - a. work in progress
6. Families baptism
 - a. BEth will reach out to the families, give them a partner couple?

vi. Strengthen and expand our parish Communication Strategy

1. Changes have been made on the website.
2. People who own the information needs to update their content. Send it to the person who manages the site.

3. Committee for tech communications - social media relations, new video for whole parish like the school video.
4. Committee has already met.
5. Look around parish and figure out everything we want to communicate.
6. Develop a communications strategy for the parish
7. Bulletin is the most used form of communication for the parish.(according to survey)
8. Segment communication per demographic
 - a. Youth through social media
 - b. others through bulletin

5. Parish Picnic:

- a. Jaime has left messages with Venue
- b. Jaime will secure the date
- c. Kathy Kraft and Angie will be good resource
- d. Figure out Breakdown in communication with city to get doors unlocked
- e. Fire extinguishers by grills
- f. Knights grill hamburgers
- g. Let knights know the date when we get it nailed down.
- h. Document the steps for parish picnic plan

6. Usher security training:

- a. Dan harper is new head usher
- b. Talk with Dan to get training on security and mental health
 - i. Fr. Travis spoke with Dan
 1. Get police for each mass
- c. Hire police for each mass
 - i. Speak with finance dept to budget for this
 - ii. Fr. Pat has spoken with a retired police officer to help with this
 - iii. One person who has shown concern
 - iv. Have them present in uniform
 - v. Have them in the Narthex and walk the grounds

- vi. Park police car in the front to make it known.
- d. Cameras for theft
- e. There is a panic button in the back of church
 - i. Silent call to police
 - ii. Train ushers to use
 - iii. Mass coordinator to carry panic button.**
 - iv. Find someone to use it
 - v. Utilize this better
 - vi. Father travis will communicate this to the individuals.
 - vii. Not sending out all of our security measures to the public
- f. Final Decision is to have Mass coordinator have the panic button and ushers can go to the coordinator if issue arises to press the button.**

7. Future needs:

- a. Bringing in architect
 - i. School - education 3 year old space
 - ii. Do we need to build another space
 - iii. Multi use room
 - iv. More meeting rooms
- b. Architect to meet with parish council.
 - i. Can we utilize space better
 - ii. Within the summer

8. Open Forum:

- a. lets get the parish picnic nailed down

9. Closing prayer:

- a. Father travis lead us in closing prayer.

Next Meeting --- June 12, 2019 at 7 PM

