

St. Anthony Pastoral Council Meeting
May 20, 2017
9:30 AM

Members Present:

Bryan Gonzalez, Chairman
Eric Kofoed, Secretary
Chris Corrice
Lynn Defino
Wendy Ogden
Andrea Rice
Karen Zenti

Members Absent:

Diana Balmaceda
Suzanne Hejkel
Tim McDonald
Nic Nigro

Non-Voting Members Absent

Julie Konkol, Trustee

Non-Voting Members Present:

Msgr Chiodo, Pastor
Melissa Garcia, DRE
Dave Miller, Finance Council

- **Welcome and Lauds –**
 - meeting began 9:30 AM
 - Talked about initial meeting in March and those who expressed interest in the Council

- **Pastoral Council vs. Community Council (DECISION)**
 - Went around and asked each member in attendance which Council would like to be a participant.
 - Jimmy Garcia will be leading the Community Council. Will be overseeing the ‘social events’ of the parish.

- **Review of the Pastoral Council Roles (INPUT)**
 - The council is a guide for Msgr and will make suggestions about the future of the parish. Eyes and Ears.

- **Review of Mission Statement (INPUT):**

“To fulfill God’s will in our parish by becoming more fully a catalyst for spiritual renewal, a beacon directing others to the treasure trove of God’s graces, a spiritual home inviting young and old to live, love, and learn the Catholic faith in a culture which is centered on the person of Jesus Christ.”

- Much discussion occurred on the mission. Talked about ‘live, love, and learn’ phrase. Thought learn needed to be first. Need to learn the Catholic faith before can live.
- Also thought the three main phrases could be reversed.
- Confused on the meaning of ‘catalyst for spiritual renewal’.
- **ACTION ITEM – each member to review the mission and provide revised versions to Bryan.**

- **Who's Who in the Parish? (INFO)**

- Pastor – Msgr Chiodo
- Priests – Father Dan Gehler and Father Jose Reynaldo
- Deacons – Tony Romeo, Tom Starbuck, Tom Hunkele, and Quan Tong
- Trustees – Julie Konkol and Bill Trout
- Director of Religious Ed / Faith Formation – Melissa Garcia
- Business Mgr – Mark Paris
- Msgr Assistant – Stephanie Howard
- Bookkeeper (Mark's assistant) – Marylou Mendez
- Youth Minister – Chris Corrice
- Finance Council – chaired by Jeff Himrich
- Board of Education
- Other VIPs
 - Dr. Cordero – school
 - Pat Civitate – adult choir
 - Pat Connolly – MC and Server Coordinator

- **Shared Parish (DISCUSS)**

- Spent time talking about a 'workbook' called Best Practices for Shared Parishes.
- What is a shared parish? Where 2 or more languages / cultures are an integral part of the parish.
- Msgr shared story of African woman and appearance at church
- Spent time talking about English, Latin, and Spanish masses.
 - Currently tend to 'split apart'. Moving forward, need to figure out how to work together. How do we build bridges between each other. How do we make everyone feel they are part of a larger parish rather than just 'their own'?
 - Talked about the 6 stages of Intercultural Sensitivity
 1. Denial: does not recognize cultural differences
 2. Defense: recognizes some differences, but views them as negative
 3. Minimization: unaware of projection of cultural values; sees own values as superior
 4. Acceptance: shifts perspectives to understand that the same "ordinary" behavior can have different meanings in different cultures
 5. Adaptation: can evaluate other's behavior from their frame of reference and can adapt behavior to fit the norms of a different culture
 6. Integration: can shift frame of reference and also deal with resulting identity issues
 - Talked about how the Spanish community 'running their own mass'
 - Talked about involvement in "church leadership"
 - Talked about of the Hispanic culture is different in certain Catholic aspects.
 - Talked about all of the masses. All should become familiar with each of the masses St. Anthony's offers. Perhaps change in words. From Spanish mass to Mass done in Spanish. From Latin Mass to Mass done in Latin.

- Establishing Priorities (INPUT)
 - As this council is about the future of the parish, did an exercise of where we'd like to see the parish in 1 yr / 5 yrs / 10 yrs.
 - 1 yr
 - All masses in the main sanctuary
 - Talked about number of masses and mass times. Currently have 7 masses. Would prefer fewer masses that are more full / packed. Msgr commented that is fearful that parishioners are not committed and would/could 'shop around' and we'll lose people . Discussed a few years ago and the shop around was a 'reality'. Community is very important.
 - Want to build the community feel. How do we do that??? Foreseeing a possible 2nd Spanish mass in a couple of years.
 - Bi-Lingual missal.
 - Celebrate the parish – perhaps offer a 'church tour' for the parishioners. Church has a lot of physical features of importance that many may not know the history.
 - Improve the website – hard to navigate.
 - 5 yr
 - Improved Communications – paper, digital, website. Possible senior ministry (age)
 - Ministry for school parents. Targeted group
 - “Modernize” the school – discussion around what that meant.
 - Leadership of the church is 'fully catechized'. Can't teach what don't know.
 - Learning the catholic culture. Education groups to help parishioners learn more about faith.
 - 10 yr
 - Bigger groups – more involvement
 - Spiritual retreats / physical aspects of the church.
 - Continue building out the 'history of the parish'.
 - Evaluate other aspects of the mass – example – Music. What role does/will music play? What will it be? Who will the 'new talent' be? Physical assets – organ? Clavinova? Piano? Hymnals / Songbooks / Missals / Mass Settings / etc. Choir / Schola
 - **ACTION ITEM: Eric Kofoed to talk briefly on 'Liturgy Committee' meetings and content at the next Parish Council meeting.**
- St. Anthony Petitions (INPUT)
 - Talked briefly about a forum, process to pray for parishioners intentions
- Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned around 11:30 AM

NEXT MEETING JULY 8TH AT 9:30 AM