

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

**Members present:**

Bryan Gonzalez	Diana Balmaceda	Marco Balmaceda
Lynn DeFino	Wendy Ogden	Chris Corrice
Julie Konkel	Karen Zenti	Suzanne Hejkal

**Non Voting Members Present:**

Melissa Garcia	Msg. Chiodo	Julie Konkol
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**Members Absent:**

Nic Nigro	Dave Miller	Andrea Rice
Eric Kofoed		

- **Welcome and Lauds**
  - Meeting began at 9:30
- **Review/Approval of the Minutes**
  - Minutes were approved.
- **Comments by Msgr. Chiodo:**
  - Msgr. commented on the success of activities during the summer.
  - He discussed what he perceives as the need for spiritual renewal of the parish.
  - He discussed the vibrancy of our Hispanic parishioners with their strong participation. He compared this group to the Italian people who started the parish, noting that group has faded over time. He feels we need to try to figure out what caused that and develop ways that our Hispanic friends can avoid a similar outcome.
- **Suggestion for Parish Mission**
  - There was a suggestion that it might be time for a parish mission. Unfortunately, the last parish mission was lightly attended. General conversation ensued regarding the many programs that are not being well attended and even some of those that do attend only seem to be “warm bodies” taking a chair.
- **What are people looking for?**
  - Our parishioners are looking for guidance and help in developing discipleship. We must encourage new ideas while not abandoning older, effective ways to engage people. The question is, how do you reach the younger people and encourage them to embrace older rules that they may consider outmoded. There is concern that by bringing back some rigor to practices that for a time, we may lose some people. We want people to appreciate the power and the strength of the sacraments.
- **Mass Time Changes**
  - Discussed the change in time and location for the Latin Mass. 5:00 pm in the church proper. That seems to be going well.

- Continued discussion of the dangers of dropping any particular Mass and the potential for loss of membership if “their” Mass time is removed.
  - Msgr. suggested that the members of this council take time to chat with parishioners about the idea of maybe dropping a Mass and how they’d feel about that.
- **Fall Festival**
    - Discussion of the new format of the Fall Festival, who was doing what, what more volunteers we need and how to get them. Discussion on how to better publicize events as so many were unaware of the activities available in a timely manner.
  - **New Mission Statement**
    - Discussion of the new mission statement. A number of changes were suggested and a final form was approved. New Mission Statement is thus:

***To make life-long disciples, baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them in all aspects of the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.***
  - **Melissa Hill-Garcia**
    - Discussed the possibility that Melissa, who knows everyone, would create a personnel flow-chart to help us better understand the players.
  - **School Board Member Addition to Parish Counsel**
    - Discussed the possibility of asking a member of the School Board to join this council as a non-voting member in an effort to unify what is happening in the church and school. Bryan was to speak to Jacob Heflin about joining.
  - **Shared Parish**
    - Short review of Chapter 1 of the Best Practices of Shared Parish
    - Discussed Chapter 2 which talks about conversion from sin to Christ, how to get people more involved. The value of both the spiritual and physical communion. Discussed corporal works of Mercy. Hospitality and friendship. Discussed that Pentecost is an example of the hesitant host and reluctant guest and how to reconcile the sides. We need to build bridges.
    - Diana Balmacedo related how wonderful she felt when she attended a 1<sup>st</sup> Friday bi-lingual Mass. She felt valued, empowered and loved. She was encouraged to do a video for the parish Facebook site to give others a chance to hear her experience.
    - Wendy Ogden discussed her experiences in other parishes that have a variety of non-English/English as a second language parishioners and thought we were limiting ourselves in only offering English and Spanish and that some use of Latin might be a way to bring more people together as they begin to learn a bit of Latin. Recommendation that the Liturgy Committee consider same.
    - Wendy Ogden to potentially discuss with Pat Civitate and Charlotte Hunkle how the Music Committee might be involved in this effort.
    - Suggestion that the Liturgy Committee could benefit from some Hispanic members.
    - Perhaps the emphasis should be “united” rather than “shared” which can give an impression of taking away from one group to benefit another.

- **Central Communications Team**
  - Parish could benefit from a centralized communications team. There is no one person/place to coordinate communications
  - There is little to no budget for it, but a suggestion that perhaps Dawn Ogden could fill that role. Wendy Ogden to investigate.
  - Melissa Hill-Garcia expressed the thoughts that before a communications specialist is hired that a more pressing need is youth ministry staff.
  
- **History**
  - Mary Quinn is still reaching out on the parish history project. We may need someone with expertise in publishing to move this to the finish. Suggestions for someone from a genealogical society or other resources.
  
- **Priorities**
  - Some discussion about the 1, 3, 5 year and beyond priorities that have been discussed.
  
- **Final prayer and dismissal**