

# St. Anthony Pastoral Council Meeting

November 18, 2017

9:30 AM

## Members Present:

Bryan Gonzalez	Marco Balmaceda	Diana Malmaceda
Lynn Defino	Wendy Ogden	Andrea Rice
Eric Kofoed	Tim McDonald	Chris Corrice

## Non Voting Members Present:

Melissa Garcia      Msgr Chiodo      Julie Konkol

**Members Absent:** Diana Malmaceda      Nic Nigro      Karen Zenti      Suzanne Hejkel      Dave Miller

- **Welcome and Lauds –**
  - meeting began 9:43 AM
  - Msgr shared that the Fall Festival was a success. Goal was slightly exceeded.
- **Review / Approval of the Minutes**
  - Motion made to waive the reading of the minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> received. All approved.
  - Minutes were approved.
- **Pastoral Update ----- October #s (mass attendance) and graphs**
  - Graphs were presented to the members and discussed.
    - St Anthony October numbers 2009 – 2017
      - Downward trend from 2009 to 2016. 2017 increased
    - October 2017 numbers in a pie graph based on Mass Time
    - Line graph Oct attendance by year --- ALL masses / Only English / Non English
    - Two bar charts – By Mass by Year / By Year by Mass
    - Change % bar chart for each mass
  - General Dialogue:
    - Generally is decreasing. Increases in Spanish and Latin
    - What is happening related to the decrease? What is the cause? How to we address the problems? Trend is everywhere, not just St. Anthony.
    - How do our actual parish members compare to the mass numbers in the counts
      - Some just come periodically – drift between churches based on convenience?
      - English – seem to be long time members
      - Spanish and Latin – some members, some not, how get to become members. Latin give opportunity for ‘one last chance’ mass which is a very good option to have.
  - Discussion around Liturgy Committee dialogue on the topic. Eric Kofoed
    - Based on the numbers, most of the discussion was around possibly eliminating one mass.
    - Lengthy discussion occurred that involved many factors and options.
    - Landed on SAT – 4:30 same      SUN: 7:30 9:00 11:00 1:15 and 5:00 stay the same
    - Subsequent to the meeting, based on addl conversation, a modified schedule was put forth keeping in mind ‘the half hour change’ notion.
      - **SAT – 4:00      SUN: 8:00 9:30 11:00      1:15 and 5:00 stay the same**
    - Committee did not want to rush into a change. COMMUNICATION!!!! Possibly Lent. Desire is to increase mass attendance first and foremost

- Pastoral Council Dialogue
  - Discussion item --- if doing a mass change overhaul, should also consider the current Latin mass time. SUNDAY OPTION:
 

7:00	8:30	10:00	11:30	1:15	5:00
English	Latin	English	English	Spanish	????

    - Comments were that would introduce a new different change variable – mass language
    - Also comment that Spanish numbers could justify their desire for one of the morning mass times.
  - Brief talk of a survey, but most often that creates even more issues – asked my opinion and still changed.
  - Other Parishes and their Sunday Mass Times:
    - Christ the King            7:30   9:00   11:00            3:00 Spanish
    - Basilica of St John        8:30   10:30
    - St. Ambrose Cathedral   8:30   10:30
    - Holy Trinity                8:30   10:30
    - St Augustin                8:00   10:00   12:00
    - St Thomas Aquinas        10:15
    - St Elizabeth Seton        9:00
    - Lady of America        2 Spanish and 1 English
  - What trying to accomplish?
    - Full Church for each mass
    - Convenient times for church
    - Able to spread ‘talent’
    - More thriving community
    - Prefer the most disruption to the smallest group
  - Addl – why not focus on OUTREACH versus mass reduction?
    - Some sort of rebuild model
    - How do we attract new?
    - What types of things would attract new?
    - VERY GOOD POINT
  - FINAL PROPOSAL – same as Liturgy Committee
 

<b>Sunday changes</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>9:30</b>	<b>11:00</b>
Recommend implementing changes the first of the year.			2018
Most AGREED with the recommendation. One abstention			

- **MISSION STATEMENT finalized:**

- *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.*

- **History of the Parish effort UPDATE – Mary Quinn**

- Still in progress

- **Review action items from previous meeting:**

- Flow chart of personnel and decisions ---- still BD
- Add Board of Ed to Pastoral Council?
  - Chris C attended the Board of Ed meeting
  - Had an initial dialogue with someone being on this council
- Anything for Christmas as a council?
  - Looking for someone to take the lead. Christmas season lasts to early Feb

- **Continue Shared Parish Discussion PART III**
  - Postponed until the next meeting.
- **Communication**
  - Website – who can audit?
    - Observation was that some of the information appeared to be outdated.
    - Discussed if anyone want to review, audit, and provide recommendations
    - Melissa Hill advised there is a committee that owns communication, including the site. Primaries are her and Joe Grazziano.
    - If people have input, provide to Melissa.
  - Ministries:
    - How to best reach more people?
    - Most just don't want to meet, want a PURPOSE, was level of INVOLVEMENT
    - How do we stimulate growth or involvement in the ministries?
      - Talking
      - Educate on the site
  - Commun Committee talking about a Parish App. Notifications are pushed to people.
- **COUNCIL ACTION ITEMS: JANUARY 1<sup>st</sup> to Brian**
  - 2017 Wrap UP
    - Self reflection
      - Commitment level
      - Satisfaction?
      - Mtg Structure
      - Meeting Times
      - People
    - Prayer books at beginning. Want to do more / learn more
    - Reminder – not the “doers” more so delegaters
      - Engage the doers
      - Grow the next ring of involved parishioners. Who will work with us / help us.
- **Recommendations for succession for liturgical committee**
  - Liturgy is a possible way to unify the parish. Common. Critical part.
    - Example was that St. Augustin does Kyrie in Greek at all masses.
  - Informal dialogue occurred with Pat C.
- **Review of Priorities & their Actualization DEFER**
  - Review of 1 year priorities
  - Review of 5 year priorities
- **Concerns/Info about the Parish:**
  - “NEEDS of the parish”
- **St Anthony Petitions**
  - No formal petitions were received. Asked to pray for Education.
- **Closing Prayer**

Meeting adjourned around 11:20 AM  
 NEXT MEETING: TBD for 2018