

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2017

Attendance: Doris Champagne, Dave Ehret, Ryan Gerling, Kathy Osinski, Maureen Rowland, Liz Sanning, Janet Schnoebelen, Steve Vorwerk, Father Marty, Father Bill, Deacon Bob, LuAnn Glaser

Father Marty called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM. Father Bill led opening prayer.

Dave Ehret, co-chair, asked if there was anything to be added from the commission meeting. The Community Commission is requesting a budget for Father Marty's 25th anniversary. Father Marty asked if he should pay for his anniversary celebration or if the parishes should pay for it. The Council agreed the parishes should pay for his anniversary, which will be celebrated on June 11th.

Liz Sanning, co-chair, shared the flow chart developed for the parish. The flow chart shows information flows from the pastor and parochial vicar. The parishioners' place on the flow chart needs to be determined. Father Marty shared that the Finance Council had been the final decider before the Pastoral Council came into place. Now the Finance Committee is on the level with the Pastoral Council. Sometimes the commissions overlap with ideas, etc. Ideas should begin at the Pastoral Council, where they are fleshed out and then carried out by the Commissions. LuAnn Glaser is the contact between the Commissions and the office staff.

Dave Ehret introduced development of a mission statement, vision statement, and values. Father Marty suggested that everyone get outside his or her comfort zone and attend a Mass at a different time and location. Father Bill indicated we need to begin using "Divine Mercy Parish". Until July 1st the two parishes are still separate due to finances, etc. Father Marty asked for important concepts/goals of why we are here. Responses included: unity, communication, serve the Lord and His people, old things which pass away and new things to come, opportunity with the need to grieve, being part of a bigger church (diocese), and engaging parishioners.

Father Marty wants the pastoral council to think about the vision, which hasn't changed: Go out to the nations and make disciples in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. A mission statement will be developed. Father Marty indicated he could invite Dr. Ebener back to help formulate a mission statement.

Father Marty asked the council what we value as a parish.

Deacon Bob suggested having all Masses one weekend at Notre Dame to draw everyone together and celebrate our unity. Father Marty asked the council to discern that possibility. Other suggestions are to have Ash Wednesday and

Pentecost at Notre Dame, an Easter sunrise service outside, and Memorial Day Mass that is in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

Parish Concerns: None were shared.

Other Parish Business included the announcement of a Stewardship Fair to be held at one of our churches in May, one in June, and one in July. The two lay directors will be announced soon. Father Marty was asked if Bishop-elect Zinkula would visit every parish. Father Marty indicated we are looking at a parish app.

Beginning with the May meeting, the pastoral council will meet at 5:30 PM, prior to the Commission meeting.

Deacon Bob led closing prayer and blessed the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser