

# **PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

## **May 11, 2017**

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM. Father Marty led opening prayer.

Under Old Business the flow chart was reviewed. Comments were shared to increase clarity. Father Marty wants to communicate the structure to parishioners. There has been a gap between the Pastoral Council and the Finance Council with one council thinking they were over the other when they should be equal. According to Father Marty, Notre Dame's bylaws indicate they oversee the faith formation of the parishes. He wants to bridge the gap between Notre Dame and the parish. Father Marty says the parishes' primary expenses are Notre Dame and upkeep of the buildings. The final working copy of the flowchart should be done next month, will be shared with the Commissions, and will be included in the bulletin and on the website.

The vision statement, mission statement, and values were discussed. SS. John and Paul's mission statements were shared. Father Marty shared ten values from another parish. Father suggested each commission talk about what they value most as a parish. Dave Ehret suggested that each commission come up with one major core value and submit it. The co-chairs will send out the values to pastoral council members prior to the June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Father Marty indicated he would introduce the concept of values at the beginning of the commission meeting. The question was raised as to whether we want Dr. Ebener to come back and help us develop the mission, vision, and values. Father Marty will contact him about coming back. It was suggested that the mission, vision, and values be announced by July 1 to coincide with the official start of the new parish. Father Marty shared that Bishop Amos has spoken with Bishop-elect Zinkula and he will sign off on the merger.

Liz Sanning asked if the Pastoral Council members attended a different Mass in the past month, as was requested. She shared the Masses she has attended.

Father Marty asked if the council still wanted to pursue one Saturday and one Sunday Mass to bring everyone together, with the Mass to be held at Notre Dame. Father Marty will talk to Mr. Maupin about a date in July.

Under New Business, Father's Marty's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was discussed. The question was raised as to what tasks need to be assigned to each of the commissions. It was determined that Worship will plan the Mass with Father Marty. Community will plan the food. Formation will welcome/greet at the

Mass. Outreach will be responsible for hospitality at the reception at Notre Dame. Administration will be responsible for communication regarding his anniversary. There will be dueling pianos for entertainment. Beer, a pop machine, and water will be provided.

The Faith Festival has chosen the theme "Generations". The Newman Singers do not appear to be available on Friday night. The date of the Mass has been placed on Bishop-elect Zinkula's calendar to attend the Mass with a meet and greet. The Worship Commission should plan the Liturgy.

A parish goal was discussed. Father Marty would describe the goal for the first year as unity. Unity could be the best goal in view of the parochialism (this is mine and no one can touch it.) present in the parishes.

The Gathering of Ministers will be held in August to bring new members onto the Commissions.

The Stewardship Fairs will be held at St. Paul May 28, St. John June 25, and SS. Mary and Patrick July 30. The recommendation was made to give out something with Divine Mercy on it at the fair.

Father Marty wants to write a prayer for the new parish and will have it sent it out to each pastoral council member.

The size of the commissions was discussed. It was recommended that the commissions would include 9 – 10 parishioners with 2 serving on the Pastoral Council, 2 co-chairs, and 2 staff members. There was discussion of not worrying about which church the people attended. On the Commissions there is the desire to have people who are open and not coming on commissions with preconceived ideas. The decision was made by Pastoral Council to go with 9 members per commission. No one would be turned away.

Closing prayer was provided by Father Bill.

Respectfully submitted,

LuAnn Glaser