



Meeting Minutes
Pastoral Council
Tuesday- May 20, 2014

Attendance:

Michael Amaechi
Joyce Ambuehl
Fr. Paul Chovanec
Patrick Nguyen
Robert Ontko (recording minutes)
Hai Pham
Virginia Platt
Paul Vascik

1. Refreshments were provided by Michael. Robert also brought refreshments, but they were not used for this meeting.
2. Opening Prayer was led by Joy including a reading from Ecclesiastes 4:7 – 12.
3. Meeting was called to order.
4. Action Items List
 - a. Paul has been posting meeting minutes to the website.
 - b. Paul has placed the copies of the new Pastoral Council brochure in the rack. More copies will likely be needed after the Fall Festival.
 - c. Patrick reported that the Knights of Columbus and Asian community are willing to volunteer labor to repair the kneelers if the materials can be provided. Patrick will measure the widest pew to calculate the amount of material necessary to complete the repairs. Virginia will investigate cost of materials, most likely a roll of leatherette material.
 - d. Patrick shared the initial drafts of the physical and web forms for the management reporting system. Patrick will solicit feedback from the council in the coming month. The new system will need to be accompanied by both verbal and written announcements. Virginia suggested expanding the form to create a "Prayer List" on the website. Other council members suggested that the form could also be used for donations and talents/skills database. The web form should send e-mail notifications to allow the questions to be directed to the appropriate parties and to keep response times reasonable.
5. Fr. Paul entered the meeting. Patrick gave a brief summary of the discussion to that point and left the meeting.
6. Increasing Spirituality in the Parish
 - a. Paul led Fr. Paul through the suggestions for increasing spirituality in the parish as discussed during the last month's meeting.

- b.** Fr. Paul defined spirituality as “the work of the Holy Spirit in an individual or community”.
 - c.** Fr. Paul thought some of the suggestions were not appropriate. The anonymous prayer is better as a retreat activity. Parish recognition should occur outside the liturgy. Some members suggested that the organization serving food could announce parishioner achievements. Parish recognition should be consistent to avoid hurt feelings or misunderstandings.
 - d.** Bingo was also discussed as possibility. Fr. Paul mentioned that bingo requires a license, but the Knights of Columbus or Daughters of Isabella have easily obtained licenses in the past. Robert mentioned the success of other bingo nights including the popular one at the Czech hall in the Heights.
 - e.** It was decided that a quarterly day of prayer is the most promising suggestion to date and needs further consideration.
- 7. Pastor’s Minute**
 - a.** Fr. Paul shared the Archdiocesan Pastoral Plan and its objectives with the council.
 - b.** Fr. Paul asked Robert for a report on the Young Adult program. Robert had reported that no progress had been made since the last meeting partially due to lack of leadership (i.e. designated young adult minister). With the recent resignation of Scott and the current workload of Austin, Fr. Paul suggested that Robert could lead the group. Robert replied that due to work and other obligation, he felt that he did not have the time to commit to the position and asked that the parish hire someone to the position. Fr. Paul will bring the topic up again with parish management.
- 8. New Business and Open Forum**
 - a.** Virginia discussed the Fall Festival. She has secured two of the three raffle prizes: a \$1,000 gift card and TV. The event will be completely underwritten again. Pastoral council will again be in charge of ticket sales. Process for ticket sales will be different from last year with more volunteers and changed scheduling. Fr. Paul reminded the council to think of ways to attract “out-of-parish” money since the parish community is getting donation fatigue.
- 9. Closing Prayer was said by Fr. Paul, and meeting was adjourned.**