



Meeting Minutes
Pastoral Council
Tuesday- June 17, 2014

Attendance:

Joyce Ambuehl
Fr. Paul Chovanec
Andy Huynh
Robert Ontko (recording minutes)
Hai Pham
Paul Vascik

1. Refreshments (sandwiches, chips, and soda) were provided by Hai.
2. Since Rosemary was absent, Opening Prayer was led by Paul including grace.
3. Meeting was called to order.
4. Action Items List
 - a. Paul has been posting meeting minutes to the website.
 - b. Since Patrick and Virginia were not in attendance, no updates were given for the pew kneelers or management reporting system.
5. St. Justin Martyr Community Review
 - a. Paul mentioned that several mothers were upset that no Mother's Day blessing was given at the 10 AM mass in May while a Father's day blessing was given in June.
 - b. Stewardship committee would like to hold classes on personal finance. Some member commented on the apparent disconnect with worship and spirituality.
6. Council purpose and focus
 - a. Paul mentioned that Father thinks the council has lost its focus and sense of purpose in the past year.
 - b. Members thought that the situation was partially due to the council's focus on too many things. Other suggested that we needed more guidance and leadership from Fr. Paul since we exist to serve him.
 - c. Members suggested moving the meeting day so that Fr. Paul can be present from the start of the meeting and setting a formal meeting with Fr. Paul to set meeting agendas.
 - d. Attendees read and Robert read aloud the mission statement from the brochure to remind the council of its stated purpose.
 - e. Based on the last meeting, Robert suggested that the council should focus on organizing the quarterly days of prayer to increase spirituality and Paul suggested that we focus on raffle ticket sales for the fall festival during August and September.
 - f. Paul will draft a e-mail for the council to review and to submit to the leaders of the following parish ministries soliciting their help in holding these events:
 - i. Men's and Women's ACTS
 - ii. Knights of Columbus and Daughters of Isabella

- iii. CCE and Youth Ministry
 - iv. Women's Retreat
 - v. Vietnamese community – already do biannual events within community
 - vi. Mavericks
 - g. Andy mentioned that we should try to engage uninvolved parishioners by addressing their needs.
- 7. Paul assigned each member to contemplate new council members and officers for next year during the next two months.
- 8. Paul announced that there will be no council meeting in July because Fr. Paul will be returning from a trip.
- 9. Fr. Paul entered the meeting. Paul gave a brief summary of the earlier discussions.
 - a. Fr. Paul later gave the explanation that the priest simply forgot the Mother's Day blessing in May.
 - b. Fr. Paul approved of the Stewardship's Committee idea for finance classes as long as they did not promote some third-party company or service.
- 10. Pastor's Minute
 - a. Fr. Paul thought that the council achieved a "diffused victory" by accomplishing parts of many things. He further explained that with the emergence of lay ministry, the council's role is less urgent but is still the spiritual life of the parish. He agreed with the plan to contact the various ministries about days of prayer. He suggested setting a regular day and time (e.g. Saturday afternoon culminating with vigil mass) along with encouraging attendees to bring one more to the next event to help evangelize. Finally, he mentioned that visiting clergy and speakers would be valuable resources.
 - b. Fr. Paul announced that there was a meeting to discuss the new social ministry building tomorrow (June 18) at 10 AM. He thinks that we need to rethink the building design to reduce costs (closer to \$750,000).
 - c. 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. Robert mentioned that he will try to organize a group to attend the upcoming Café Catholica series in July.
- 11. Dolores Gonzalez stopped by the meeting, distributed a flyer for the Movie Novena, and encouraged the council to attend.
- 12. Fall Festival Ticket Sales
 - a. Member suggested that parishioner should be able to take raffle tickets to sell in the community and bring back the sales and unpaid tickets. To facilitate this idea, the tickets will need to be numbered and systematically distributed. Paul will call Virginia to discuss.
 - b. Fr. Paul reported that the parish has raised \$72,000 out of its \$127,000 DSF goal. He did not think a second collection would be useful in raising funds since most parishioner simply split their weekly offering. He explained that the DSF goals are set by a progressive system on gross parish income. He reminded the council that we are on pace to be debt-free in 2015 and to "seek first the Kingdom of God".
- 13. Closing Prayer was said by Fr. Paul, and meeting was adjourned.