

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes

Meeting 3/11/24

6:30 PM

Attendees:

Fr. McCarthy

Ted Reilly

Pam Edwards

Francis Pope

Pamela Feldhues

Ron Yeager

Steve Scott

Deacon Kelly

James McCafferty

Sharon Neukam

Sandy Sill

Deacon Joseph

Items Discussed

- 1) Debrief last month's meeting with Fr. Williams/Fr. Schmidt pertaining to Beacons of Light (BOL). Address any concerns for pre-planning.
 - a. No questions or concerns raised pertaining to the meeting.
 - b. A question was raised by Ron Yeager as to who will be putting a detailed plan together for the merger of the parishes. It was agreed that a sub-committee will be formed to develop and detailed implementation plan. Some of the recommended items to be included in the plan are how to deal with Mass schedules, in anticipation of loss of weekend help, and/or 50% drop in Mass attendance. Also, to develop recommendations on how to handle collections once merged.
- 2) Ted Reilly reviewed the finances, capital expenditure plan and status of revenues from Gala and Fish Fry. (See handouts for details)
 - a. Steve Scott suggested that a long-term capital plan be put together so the Council can better determine allocation of funds to each church once merged. Father

indicated his goal is to have all major capital projects completed before the merger.

- 3) Pam Edwards gave an update on Faith formation activity. There are 19 children along with parents participating in the Family Catechesis program. This Easter there will be two adults coming into the Church along with one student and three children will be baptized. RCIA will now be called OCIA (Order of Catholic Initiation for Adults). First Holy Communion will be celebrated on weekend of June 1-2. Pam is currently working on plans for Totus Tuis to be held at St Louis.
- 4) Council discussed the necessity of Fund-raising events, i.e., Gala, Fish Fry, Festival providing detailed plans for expenditures and anticipated revenue. And developing tighter controls for authorizing expenditures. The council agreed to extend invitations to leaders of each fund raiser to attend a Pastoral Council meeting to discuss this concern. The first to be invited will be the leaders of the festival. Pam Edwards to extend invitation.
- 5) Fr, McCarthy reviewed the various Outreach Ministries that are being developed. Ministries include, Homeless ministry, Vocation Awareness, Homebound ministry, Prison ministry, SVDP, and Landscaping ministry. Overall, this is being supported by nearly 65 volunteers. Pat Powers is leading the effort in developing these various ministries.
- 6) A discussion about the importance of including all the Parish Family in prayers when group prayers are being said at a particular parish. All concurred with this.
- 7) A question was raised as to how to get announcements made at Mass. Father responded that requests for announcements should be directed to the Parish office.

Council to do items:

- 1) For the next meeting council members are to recommend a list of names to recommend being on Merger Planning Team. And identify key items for the planning team to work on (Mass schedule, Fund allocation to each parish, etc.,). **Due May 6, 2024**
- 2) Identify any capital expense projects that need to be added to the already developed list. Submit recommendations to Ted Reilly. **Due by April 8, 2024.**
- 3) Provide recommendation at the next council meeting on how to handle revenues from fund-raising events. (i.e., Should the money be assigned to the Parish for allocation or for the fund-raising group to determine?) **Due May 6, 2024**
- 4) Pam Edwards to extend invitation to Festival chairperson(s) (leaders) to attend the next Pastoral Council meeting to discuss developing a budget for the event and how to handle expenses. **Due April 8, 2024**
- 5) Fr McCarthy to contact owner of chiropractic business across the street from St. Ann's to confirm permission to use parking lot due to Mass overflow on Saturday's or during Holy Week.

Next Meeting

May 6, 2024 @ 6:30 PM