

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes
May 15, 2024

Present: Fr. Andy Switzer, Christine Wiegman, Shana Harris, Patrick Green, Gil Sateia, Connie Bonner, Derrick Gallager, Brendan Jarrell

Not present: Colin Hayden, Becky Tokarcik, Shana Harris, Vanessa Santiago

Roles: Pastor: Fr. Andy; Co-chairs: Colin Hayden, Christine Wiegman; Prayer leader: Vanessa Santiago (led by Fr. Andy today); Recorder: Brendan Jarrell

Opening Prayer: Led by Fr. Andy

Lectio Divina readings taken from: John 10, John 15

Reflection: What are people seeking when they come here? Intimacy, Calling, Discipleship, Generational growth,

Friendship. Spirit at work in us, bearing fruit that will remain. We're fed by the word as well as the eucharist at mass.

UPDATES:

- Reminder for blessing for PC members at Pentecost masses

- Summer PC meeting schedule – no July meeting. Possible retreat dates to be discussed more next month when more members are present.

- Parish Picnic - Importance of addressing concerns some parishioners raised about the parish picnic format from last year and the cancellation of the 8am mass on the date of the picnic. Fr. Andy reiterated the main point of the picnic is to bring the whole parish together, not to remain divided by Mass attendance times. Recognition that a few parishioners may have some time constraints. Connie will be the PC liaison to the picnic committee.

- Adult faith formation – Fr. Bob Keefer will not be leading this for the parish so other parishioner/s will need to be considered (Andy)

-PC report to be written with input of council by Christine and Colin and then distributed in the bulletin in late summer or early fall.

MAIN AGENDA ITEMS:

- Name tags at masses – Christine reported on the request received for the parish as a whole to wear name tags one Sunday a month to build on mission of being a welcoming church. 8 am Mass name tags brought up as an example. Point made that no one would be forced to wear a name tag. A parish scripture study group has offered to purchase bio-degradable name tags and markers. Agreed to try this.

-Stewardship: time, talent, treasure survey briefly introduced. To be discussed in depth at future meeting: purpose of, format of, who gets access, etc.

- Need to consider new members for Gil and Becky's positions was mentioned as this is their last month of service on the council. To be discussed at future meeting.

- Vision / Leadership Presentation follow-through.

Question posed by Fr. Andy: What do you ask of God's church? Answers included:

+Spiritual growth/faith sharing/spiritual direction

+Relationship/friendship/church becomes family of choice

+People presence God to one another/be Christ for others

+Safe, Stable place to grow and engage with others

+Field hospital imagery/care for the whole person – spirit, mind, body

+Shepherd smells like the sheep – authentic representation of/interaction with real life circumstances

+Tools to navigate the 21st century (changing) world in a God-centered way

Vision building process to continue next meeting

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: June 19th