

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Strategic Planning

April 11, 2016

6:30pm

Notre Dame Parish Center

Members Present: Fr. Joe Giroux, Fr. Scott Belina, Gregory Paye, Pam Leduc, Jennifer Champagne, Ruth Demarse, Andy Duso, Molly McKee, Neil Seymour, Linda Sprague, Madonna Champagne, and Darlene Livernois

Member Absent: Deacon Bryan Bashaw, Mary Hart, and Judy Pelkey

Others Present: Samantha Poulin, Marie-Claire D'Arcy, Michael Jacobs, Zach Monson, and Lauren Numrich

Opening Prayer: Opening prayer was led by Fr. Joe.

An introduction was made of new St. André's Trustee, Gregory Paye. He will be replaced James Coughlin. Also, introduction of council members and visiting staff were made.

Additional - Updates/News: Sugar on Snow event went well and there seem to be a good turnout for it. Most of the supplies for the event had been donated, and what was paid out was very little. The profit from the event was around \$2,000. Information has been placed in the bulletin for the upcoming Pastoral Council Nominations which will take place the weekend of May 7/8 with the ballots for election to be the weekend of May 14/15. At the end of March there was an incident that took place at Notre Dame Rectory/Church. The washer for the rectory had broken which led to some water damage at the Rectory and the Sacristy of the church. All the water damage repair was covered under the Diocesan insurance. Everything has been completely repaired and has been put back. As for Morton Street property, it has been official that the Town and County will be taking care of the demolition, which will probably be within the next three weeks or so. We will be needing to purchase a demolition permit and will have to pay for some of the tipping fees at the dump.

"Going With The Flow..."

Reviewed information that was compiled at the last strategic planning meeting on April 11th.

What Is The Work of a Catholic Parish?

Reviewed information that was compiled at the last strategic planning meeting on April 11th.

What Do We Have To Work With?

Reviewed information that was compiled at the last strategic planning meeting on April 11th.

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Making a plan

Reviewed information that was compiled at the last strategic planning meeting on April 11th. There was discussion on Our Mission, "We're Opening Doors...", and Implementation of DISCOVERY to start establishing our priorities.

Our Mission: "With Jesus Christ as our center, and the Holy Spirit as our guide, we are called to be a community of saints making saints - encountering the Lord in Work and Sacrament, and opening doors for our neighbors to experience the loving mercy of God."

"We're Opening Doors..." with highlights of discussion on engaging (open the door); evangelize (invite them in); establish (make them at home); and equip (send them out on mission). There was much discussion on what "our needs" are and trying to bring them to the community. Some suggestions were coordination of the "buddy" system/services such as picking people up and bringing to Mass; having candlelight vigils; continue with the annual 40-hour event; and having a devotional life calendar by having something planned on a monthly basis. Some possibilities discussed was perpetual adoration; Foundation Day (July 1st); St. Andre's Feast (January); Corpus Christi Eucharistic Precession; Prayer of the Rosary; First Saturday of month devotion; parish-wide night of praise once a month; meditations in word and song; parish mission; May crowning; "Light Is On"; Pilgrimage to St. André at St. Joseph Oratory; First Communion; Confirmation; First Friday of month devotion; healing Mass; Stations of the Cross once a month.

Implementation of Discovery: Fr. Joe discussed with pastoral council a new faith studies series that he has come across from the Catholic Christian Outreach, which is a university student movement dedicated to evangelization in which they challenge students to live in the fullness of the Catholic faith with a strong emphasis on becoming leaders in the renewal of the world. The CCO Faith Study Series has been designed in order to proclaim the Gospel, equip the faithful and commission them to become missionary disciples. The study series consists of five levels, which have a booklet for each level. There was much discussion on the implementation of the series and when it should be done. There is a six step process which would begin in the Spring/Summer of 2016 and continues until Winter/Spring of 2018.

Actions Steps

Nothing was discussed at this time.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 23rd at 6:30pm at the Notre Dame Parish Center.

Closing Prayer: Saint Brother André was led by Fr. Joe.

Respectfully Submitted
Darlene Livernois