

St. Dominic Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

2 February 2017

Present: Father Dave Reith, Meg Siehr, Jeff Sladky, Mario Montalbo, Michael Ricci, Meg Anderson, Sarah Daszczuk, Michael Klinker, Mark Gundrum

Excused: Nora DeLise, Jodee Tlachac, Mark Otten, Jim Palzewicz, Father John Gibson, Jerry Buting

1. Opening Prayer: Mario Montalbo
2. YAC/Youth Ministry Update: Sarah Daszczuk and Mike Klinker
 - a. Jim Palzewicz facilitated a day-long Visioning Session with members of Youth Ministry and YAC; Mike Klinker and Sarah Daszczuk shared with Pastoral Council the purpose and product of that experience.
 - i. Sarah recruited what they call the core team; it started in October and they have met every couple of weeks.
 1. Members of the core team present at the session were the following: Patrick Donohue, Page Siehr, Rachel Reit, Caroline Klinker, Kevin Roidt, Janet Otten, Michele Minesalle, Brian and Melissa Magliocco, Mike Klinker.
 - ii. On January 21st, facilitated by Jim Palzewicz, this core team met with Deb Olla and Sarah Daszczuk; 6-hour long meeting was held at CMH, with the purpose on working on their Vision Document.
 - iii. Among their activities at the session were team building, prayer, and discussion of the book they read, *Rebuilding Youth Ministry*.
 - iv. Discussion of Vision Document, which came out of this session:
 1. Noted that the Mission Statement is purposefully nearly identical to the parish Mission Statement so that it is not a separate identity.
 2. Concentration on young parishioners post-Confirmation.
 3. Focus on Discipleship and living out, not simply recitation of the tenets of, faith.
 4. Assessment of young parishioners' faith journey post-Confirmation.
 5. Effectiveness of type/form of Prayer and Liturgy on youth participants.
 6. Faith Formation Classes.
 7. Father Dave said he would like to see more emphasis on post-Confirmation during students' senior year. He sees that the kids are nice and polite when they come to Mass, but he wants to encourage/inspire/ensure *connectedness*.
 8. Discussion of Sunday night youth Masses and challenges experienced in other parishes.
 9. Discussion of music at Sunday morning Masses: share with Jodee, Prayer and Worship commission liaison.

10. Mark Gundrum commented on importance of reaching out to students early – at the end of 8th grade – to secure a rhythm for the youth so that they feel connected and know that St. Dominic parish is there for them.
 11. Discussion of reaching out to youth before they begin college as well; help to connect them to where their local churches and Newman Centers will be. Idea of connecting St. Dominic parishioners who are about to begin college with a St. Dominic parishioner who currently attends that college; the older student can introduce the younger student to Campus Ministry and can accompany him or her to Mass when school commences.
3. Review December Minutes: Minutes approved by consensus
 4. Parish Profile Discussion
 - a. Pastoral Council reviewed the work that came out of the listening session, and we, in fact, endorse the document. Reviewed and Affirmed.
 - b. Discussion of Priest Placement Open Listings.
 5. Budget Priorities for next year
 - a. Michael Ricci reminded Pastoral Council of the council’s role in the budget: that we ensure that our vision is represented in the budget.
 - b. Pastoral Council did not request that any additional, specific considerations be met or purchases made.
 6. Pastor Comments:
 - a. Father Dave commented on the wonderful choices of new Auxiliary Bishops, as both will be complimentary to the archdiocese.
 - b. Ordination will be March 17th.
 - c. Catholic Stewardship Appeal at upcoming Mass.
 - d. Discussion of the role of Catholic Charities in light of the recent immigration issues
 - e. Discussion of our role as Catholics in light of the recent immigration issues: “what would Jesus wish of His followers?”
 - f. Plans for Eucharistic Adoration are moving forward; it will begin March 7th.
 - g. Retreat planning: possible dates of March 18th or 25th.
 - h. Pastoral Council members are to volunteer at the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on February 19th.
 - i. There will be no April meeting, as the 2nd Thursday of the month of April is Holy Thursday.
 7. Closing Prayer: Mario Montalbo

Meeting concluded at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Anderson