

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2013

ATTENDEES

Fr. Daly, Al Perpuse, Cathy Berger, Maricarol Cloak, Lisa Zecca, Rocky Ragano, Jack Yatsko, Betsy Brooks, John Weigel, Kayla Gross, Jason Williams, Linda Pixton, Joe Mills, Daniel Scanlan, Eduardo Braham, Joe Tiralla, Michael Thomas and Mady Rivera

Missing: Bobbie Woollen, Jim Caldwell, Carolyn Smithburger and Lynne Schulman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Cathy Berger at 7:05.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

Fr. Daly welcomed everyone and led the group in prayer.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

With one correction, the minutes of the September 17, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion made by Mike Thomas and seconded by John Weigel.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Fr. Daly asked for prayers for the sick: Jack and Jean Doran, Walt and Ethel Sands, Frances Chaney, Arthur Thompson, Mary De Right, Debra Ury, Jonathan Tucker, April Michalko, Russ Colson, Marie LeBark, Larry Werfel and those mentioned in the bulletin.
2. Fr. Daly reported that the trip to France was wonderful. Three people attending were in wheel chairs and everyone was helpful. Father brought back a movie about St. John Vianney which gives a good sense of who he was. The group was very impressed with Lourdes. A video of the trip is being put together by Scott Vogen.
3. More work is being done on the American Chestnut Land Trust trail specifically signage.
4. Fr. Daly introduced the new members not present at the previous meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Hospitality Report:** none as Carolyn Smithburger was absent.
2. **Discussion of *Rebuilt* by Michael White and Tom Corcoran:** A handout comparing St. John Vianney and The Church of the Nativity was distributed. We need to decide on what areas we'd like to focus. Fr. Daly might take a group up to mass at The Church of the Nativity to get a sense of the preaching and music used there. We should also check out their website and the live streaming of their Masses.
3. When looking for a way to improve Church of the Nativity White and Corcoran went to Saddleback to Rick Warren's church to see what a successful church was doing.
4. We have had 5-6 Visionary Workshops in the past as there is always learning to be done.
5. Church of the Nativity is bucking the trend – they are rapidly growing. We need to make church matter and something that people want to attend.
6. Who is our target audience and how do we find a way to identify with them.
7. We need to revitalize the Nursery and concentrate on young families. In the past there was a struggle to find adult volunteers for the Nursery.
8. Lisa Zecca noted that the Chesapeake Church has a great youth group. We need to tie in the spiritual aspects with the fun youth activities.
9. Possibly hold a Sunday evening mass for the youth with different preaching and music but there needs to be a buy in from the parish. We need something that speaks to the young adults (22-35) as well.
10. Al Perpuse noted that we are a stable parish which is getting older and has a couple of generous donors. We have over 200 volunteers that give more than two hours of their time each week.
11. Do we have a way to welcome visitors? Should we present our visitors with a small gift?
12. In *Rebuilt* they focused on the Christmas and Easter visitors. How do we get these people back?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We will have Safe Nights here November 24 through 30.
2. KAIROS cookies should be delivered to the Parish office by October 22.
3. The Festival of Trees will be held at the Family Life Center this year beginning on November 29 through December 1.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.

NEXT MEEETING WILL BE HELD November 19, 2013

OPEN ITEMS

Remaining from last year:

1. Relationship with sister parish in Hidalgo (Father Daly) – Discussed at September 2012, November 2012, and January 2013 meetings. A group of four people will go down to Mexico in June to discuss a way to revitalize or end the relationship.
2. Hurricane Sandy project (Father Daly) – Discussed at November 2012 and January 2013 meetings.
3. Reestablish “Go Green” committee (Father Daly) – Discussed at January 2013 and February 2013 meetings.

This Year:

4. Theme for this year.
5. Banner
6. New ideas from Bulletins gathered over the summer (Bobbie Woollen, Betsy Brooks, Lisa Zecca, John Weigel and Linda Pixton).
7. Homily Evaluation form review. (Pastoral Council)
8. Review of Susan Onofrio’s references. (John Weigel)