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Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thursday November 2, 2023; 7:00pm

Attendance: Robin Sander (chair), Bev Canaday, Fr Matthew Ramsay, Don Griffith, Len Florizone, Dean Schmidt (vice chair), Stephen Arugay, Mary Jane Lozada, Bronwynn Cutts, Andrew Hunt (recording secretary), Chad Sawatzky

Regrets: Don Griffith, Heather Hickey

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Introduction

1. Opening prayer and discussion

- Reflection from Sunday Gospel Mt 23:1-8 *"The greatest among you will be your servant."*

2. Approval of October minutes and matters arising from minutes. *Bronwynn motioned to approve the minutes. Dean seconded.*

3. September minutes approval for posting online/welcome area. *Bev motioned to approve minutes. Bronwynn seconded.*

- One member's picture was missing but this will soon be remedied.

4. Agenda review

- Bronwynn brought of the issue of the outside lights needing bulbs replaced.
 - Resolved: Those bulbs have been replaced.

Main goals

5. Tabernacle discussion and update

- Feedback heard by council members:
 - Why are we wasting time on trivial topics like this?
 - When is the crucifix going to get moved to the center of the altar area.
- Dean's report from the online survey:
 - 31 responded in total
 - 80% in favor of moving it to the altar area
 - He will distribute more detailed breakdowns of the info.
- Fr. Matthew created 50 paper versions of the survey.
 - 47 were taken, 6 handed in filled out, assuming more will returned next Sunday

6. Discernment Forum Night: TUE, November 28, 7pm

- a. Fr. Matthew handed out guidelines to the council members.
- b. Basic Format:
 - i. Opening prayer [start in the Hall]

- ii. Reminder of the discernment process
 - iii. Delivery of survey results
 - iv. [15 minutes elapsed]
 - v. Time of silent consideration [move to the Sanctuary]
 - vi. [15 minutes elapsed]
 - vii. Reconvene at 8 to a table [move back to the Hall]
 - viii. NOTE: A PPC member will be asked to facilitate for each table of 7 parishioners.
 - ix. After everyone has shared, each table agrees to a summary to be presented to the larger group.
 - x. [30 minutes elapsed]
 - xi. Report back to the larger group.
 - xii. [30 minutes elapsed]
 - xiii. Fr. Matthew summarizes the conclusion of this work.
 - xiv. [10 minutes elapsed]
 - c. More guidelines to come closer to time.
 - d. Fr. Matthew: Bp. Mark is interested in our process and may end up using it as a prototype as a model for discussions diocesan-wide.
 - e. **ACTION ITEM: Sub-committee to meet again before this event.**
7. Tabernacle Discussion – Stage 2
- a. Suggestion of using center projector to show a large image or icon on the blank wall of the apse during Mass.
 - b. Fr. Matthew said that this projector has a bulb going out but that it could be replaced.
 - c. No further discussion on this point.
 - d. Idea of finding people to do sketches of the altar space with the tabernacle in place.
 - e. Suggestion of leaving our current tabernacle in place on the side as a “spare” and for use with other events – and purchasing another (perhaps nicer) one for the main altar area.
 - f. Suggestion of sketches being shown on the center projector (tilted down) in order to “see” what each layout would look like without actually putting it into place.
 - g. Timing? Fr. Matthew is interested in moving on the tabernacle change as soon as we have consensus.
 - h. **ACTION ITEM: Some people to reach out for people who could provide altar area sketches.**
8. Leaderships team idea discernment
- a. Fr. Matthew interested in exploring the idea of having a leadership team.
 - b. What the PPC provides for him and the parish:
 - i. Accountability
 - ii. Representation of the priest to the parish and vice versa
 - iii. Vision of what the parish can be or what its purpose is
 - c. What the Leadership Team would provide for him and the parish:
 - i. Meet with him weekly
 - ii. Make leadership decisions with him
 - iii. Help improve the parish
 - d. Eligibility for being on this team: good chemistry with Fr. Matthew
 - e. Team size: 4 people
 - f. Equity with the priest: Uncertain. Most likely priest would retain final decision-making power, but it might depend on the relationship of a person with him.
 - g. Term limits: none set
 - h. He knows of a situation where the idea was good but not implemented well. Also the team should be disbanded when the priest in question leaves the position – or at the very least the former members would need to “reapply” for their positions with the new priest.
 - i. Suggestion: One of the most important keys to this team succeeding is the setting of clear guidelines so that everyone knows where they fit and relationships are well defined.

Smaller Goals/Items (Operational Items)

9. Christmas Loose Collections

- a. Past Recipients
 - i. Holy Thursday: 2022 Saskatoon Pregnancy Options, 2021 Saskatoon Crisis Intervention, 2020 split between Friendship Inn and Food Bank
 - ii. Christmas Loose: 2022 Hope Restored Canada, 2021 CUMFI, 2020 Sanctum.
- b. After discussion, council members voted on this year's recipient: CUMFI (3), Straight UP (4), spread between both (1).
- c. ACTION ITEM: Bronwynn to talk to St. Michael's School about being a possible recipient for next year.

10. New Years Mass start time

- a. It was decided to start at 7pm since parishioners would more likely be expecting the regular Sunday night Mass time instead of the regular New Year's Mass time.

11. Piano Update

- a. There are 3 options being looked at:
 - i. New (50-60K)
 - ii. Used (40K)
 - iii. Don's (\$??)
- b. Right now Don's piano is looking like it would be too big. Our current one is 5 ft. 8 in. while his is 9 ft.
- c. Fr. Matthew is going to the finance committee to get approved to buy a used one for up to \$40K.

12. Possibility of having a second priest assigned to St. Anne's

- a. Fr. Matthew has been asking for this from the bishop for some time now and keeps getting turned down. He has been unable to get an answer to the question of how they decide whether or not he gets one.
- b. If it happens, the priest will probably be given to the parish on a 1-year term.
- c. This priest would either be part of the Leadership Team (if that transpires) or would work independently of it.

13. December PPC meeting

- a. Thursday, December 7th
- b. 1 hour of meeting followed by 1 hour of party.
- c. Snacks, hors d'oeuvres, and desserts

Closing

14. Action items review

- a. ACTION ITEM: Fr. Matthew to look into replacing bulbs outside the church entrances.
- b. ACTION ITEM: Sub-committee to meet again before Discernment Forum Night.
- c. ACTION ITEM: Some council members to locate people who could provide altar area sketches.

15. Closing Prayer

Meeting Adjourned at 9:03