Minutes for St. Anne’s Pastoral Council: April 4th, 2019

Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsay, Steve Sikora, Ruxandra Ristea, Vanessa Nyssen, Armand Thibodeau, Clark Jaman, Pat Richter, Ken Neitz, Nic Korol, Annie Llamanzares-Abad, Tillie Aessie, Catherine Richard

1. Opening Prayer
2. Secretary: Steve Sikora
3. Approval of the Agenda: added 5.d and 7.e
4. Approval of Minutes: Approved.
5. Strategic Initiatives:
   1. Identifying and Aligning Welcome (Pat Richter)
      1. Current task: Identifying what the volunteers want to do when getting involved.
      2. New idea presented: Webpage: “Find Your Path” – for both those who want to lead and serve, and those who are seeking opportunities to participate.
      3. There is a significant gap in the realm of “social” connection (as opposed to ministry-based connection).
      4. Will explore options for a “contact person” per initiative.
      5. Will look into branching out into the Diocesan initiatives that may meet the needs.
      6. **ACTION: Fr. Matthew: Approach Cary Molyneux & ask about website logistics.**
      7. **ACTION: All Members: Consider ways to identify visitors to St. Anne’s for followup.**
   2. Leadership Training (Ruxandra Ristea)
      1. “Test” Leadership Pipeline in Fall 2019 with Prayer Ministry.
      2. Questions to explore: How will we transition leadership for this initiative?
   3. Resource Management (Steve Sikora & Cameron Jackson)
      1. Steve shared quotes for parish A/V overhaul (2 estimates from different companies).
      2. Council will form an ad hoc committee to compare specific features from each estimate in order to find the most cost-effective path forward.
      3. **ACTION: Ad hoc committee: Meet before April 30th Pastoral Council Meeting, with hopes for a fall 2019 roll-out. Committee will collaborate with Arts and Environment where necessary as well.**
   4. Fundraising
      1. There has been a request for a fundraiser for Malawi:
         1. 400 homes destroyed in recent cyclone
         2. Schools are serving as shelters
      2. Council approves fundraising initiative.
      3. **ACTION: Fr. Matthew: Inform Peter Zakreski that we will go ahead with fundraiser.**
   5. Gallup Poll
      1. 274 Surveys were submitted, both online and on paper (214 online, 60 on paper).
      2. Council opted not to extend for another month.
      3. Fern Chabot has inputted all paper copies.
      4. **ACTION: Catherine: Inquire as to whether results will be made available from Gallup before AGM. Update: Results are completed and have been sent to St. Anne’s.**
   6. Amazing Sunday Experience:
      1. Silence before Mass: Fr. Matthew
         1. Has been good!
         2. Council agrees that the silence should be extended after Lent and Easter as a common practice at St. Anne’s.
   7. Opportunity to Encounter Jesus
      1. Confessions have been extended to 7:30-9:30 during Adoration in Lent. Fr. Matthew will continue to offer this, if people continue making use of it.
      2. **ACTION: Clark: Share the new confession time with the Diocese, so it can update the Diocesan Confession Times.**
      3. Parish Mission:
      4. **ACTION: All members: Send Clark suggestions for speakers.**
   8. Evangelistic Outreach Beyond our Walls
      1. Nicholas Korol brought up that our diocese has a shortage of priests, and that we should brainstorm what we can do to encourage vocations at the parish level.
         1. Council agrees.
         2. Conversation to be carried forward to future months.
   9. Communication & Participation in the Vision (Fr. Matthew)
      1. Nothing new.
6. Council Elections 2019 (Pat Richter)
   * 1. 3 Nominees: Bronwynn Cutts, Dean Schmidt, Catherine Richard
     2. Election will be completed in the entryway before/after Mass.
7. Filipino Outreach – Annie Llamanzares-Abad
   1. It is difficult to establish contact with families.
   2. Annie will distribute cards with contact info so that they know what St. Anne’s Parish can do for them and what is going on in the parish.
   3. These contact cards will also be at the Welcome Desk.
   4. Holy Mother Mary Pilgrim with Home Visitation
      1. Whole parish initiative (June 2019-October 2019)
   5. **ACTION: Plan for Marian Statute (who?)**
8. Holy Thursday Collection: Will go to Str8 Up, with the hope to raise enough to fund a van for a year.
9. AGM: May 26th, after 11am Mass (approximately 12:15pm). Pastoral Council will bring desserts.
10. New Evangelization Summit: Saturday May 4th, free of charge, at the Cathedral.
    1. **ACTION: All Members: Register, and encourage parishioners to register as well (target leaders).**
11. May Pastoral Council Meeting is **Tuesday, April 30,** in order to accommodate First Communion/Confirmations on May 2.