

**St. Anne's Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

Members Present: Fr. Matthew Ramsay, Cameron Jackson, Ken Neitz, Vanessa Nyssen, Clark Jaman, Ruxandra Ristea, Tillie Aessie, Nicholas Korol, Catherine Richard

1. **Opening Prayer** – Fr. Matthew
2. **Agenda** - Approved
3. **Minutes** – Approved (sent via email February 28, 2019\_
4. **Diocesan Guidelines for Pastoral Council & Finance Committee- follow up**
  - a. Fr. Matthew asked Bishop Mark about whether the Pastoral Council should be dissolved when a new pastor arrives at a parish. Bishop Mark is firm about this rule, but says it can be implemented at the discretion of the pastor.
5. **Strategic Plan Initiatives – Discussion on all initiatives for 2019**
  - a. The Strategic Plan timeline was reviewed and each initiative was evaluated based on its ministry ideas listed on the timeline.
  - b. Communicating and participation in the Vision – Fr. Matthew
    - i. We need to find more ways to communicate vision to the parish (apart from homily series, which are ongoing).
    - ii. Faith studies continue to be a crucial piece of this initiative.
    - iii. Incorporating Vision into ministry training needs to be a continued priority, as well as ways of identifying leaders in our parish.
  - c. Amazing Sunday Experience – Ken/Catherine
    - i. According to 5:00 p.m. Mass surveys (given & received by Ken), very few people are led into prayer through music.
    - ii. Faith studies are crucial here as well, so that people can continue to encounter Jesus on a deeper level.
  - d. **Opportunities to Encounter Jesus** – Clark/Vanessa
    - i. New initiative noted: Discovery/Source/Growth as a credit option for new teachers, supported by the GSCS.
    - ii. New initiative discussed: Prayer Ministry after weekend masses:
      1. Team members could be handpicked initially, or discerned carefully from among those interested.
      2. Team members could/should meet together to pray regularly (a once/month prayer group perhaps), and then have the prayer ministry flow out of that.
      3. Prayer ministry could also be started informally among existing ministries or committees, including pastoral council.
      4. Clark and Vanessa are interested in being on a committee for this new initiative; Luke Hergott would be worth talking to.
    - iii. Other new initiatives: Confession hours extended to Wednesdays 7:30-9:30pm (during Adoration), and an Adoration Survival Guide.

- iv. **Action:** Nic will send Catherine infographics for Adoration Survival Guide.
  - v. **Action:** Catherine will create an Adoration Survival Guide, and brainstorm how to better advertise for Adoration.
  - vi. **Action: All Council Members:** Next month, bring forward one name of someone who could potentially spearhead the prayer ministry initiative.
- e. **Evangelistic Outreach Beyond our walls** – Nicholas/Clark/Vanessa
- i. Most ministry ideas came from Daniel Pettipas and will now be re-imagined by Clark et al.
  - ii. Grief and Bereavement is an important ministry opportunity for encountering Jesus. Parishioners who may be interested in this ministry are Kerrie Anderson and Fred & Lynn Graver (parents of Kerrie), who were involved in the past.
  - iii. The model previously used for the grief ministry could potentially be used for our Baptism ministry.
  - iv. **Action:** *Clark/Vanessa/Nic: Brainstorm new ideas for this initiative, including grief and baptism ministry.*
- f. Identifying and Aligning Welcome Strategies – tabled until April
- g. Leadership Training– tabled until April
- h. Effective Resource Management – tabled until April
- i. **Action:** Fr. Matthew will update Strategic Initiative timeline and send to pastoral council.
6. Council Elections 2019 readiness: reminder
- a. Remember to promote the final space for nominations.
7. Additions to Agenda
- a. Request from Chalice – presentation
    - 1. Council agreed to welcome Chalice to present at St. Anne's.  
**Action:** Fr. Matthew will pursue this opportunity.
  - b. Agape Meal:
    - a. **Action:** Fr. Matthew will ask Lois to coordinate again this year.
  - c. Diocesan Pastoral Council
    - a. Clark is part of Diocesan Pastoral Council, and will present on St. Anne's mission identity this month.
  - d. **May Meeting: Date changed to Tuesday April 30, to accommodate confirmations.**
    - a. **Action:** Cameron will email group about time change, and add Deacon Ed to the email group as well.
8. **Action: All Members:** Observe how our strategic initiatives are going, and bring observations to April meeting. The questions to answer are: should we continue doing what we are doing? Can we keep it going forward?

## 9. Closing Prayer - Cameron