

ST.MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 25, 2015

PRESENT: Monsignor: Gene Lindemann, Father Robert Shea, Deacon: Terry Glatt, Resources Manager: Steve Braus, Mike Wolf, Shawn Morlock, Dick Heidt, Curt Snyder, John Grasl, Leo Voigt, and Tom and Carolyn Hesford.

ABSENT: Tony Fladeland

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- + Mike announced that Tony Fladeland will be joining the PPC.
- + Msgr. Gene reported on Light of Christ progress.
- + Steve stated that the summer facility improvements have gone well and are pretty much completed. The new carpet throughout the school looks very nice and the new cupboards have all been installed and the 2 huge storage containers have been removed from the parking lot. Renovations in LaMere will enable service to more children. Volunteers painted the rectory 2nd floor windows.
- + In regards to hiring a new Youth Ministry leader Steve informed the Council that an offer was made to an individual but was declined. Then Ascension decided they could not be involved this year due to financial reasons. We will now go back to last year's plan with parent volunteers and the focus primarily on approximately 8 service activities. We will try again next year to find a permanent leader.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Mike asked for questions or suggestions on a process for regular portfolio reports to bring back information to the Council on PPC member contacts with Parish Ministry Leaders. Steve suggested that we take a look at the suggestions offered in the Minutes for the May PPC under Decision Items #4 - A, B, and C:
- a. Meet quarterly or semi-annually with the Leadership Group/Person to foster a relationship and 2-way communication.
 - b. Use the Mission/Vision Statement Handout to:
 - i. Explain the Four Pillars we're using to structure our ministry and parish life.
 - ii. Discuss how the Leadership Group/Person contributes to fostering the Pillars.
 - iii. Discuss how the Leadership Group/Person can contribute more to the Pillars.
 - c. The PPC member will regularly report to the Council the needs discovered by the Leadership Group/Person.

Dick Heidt suggested that an initial contact be made with each Ministry Leader to discuss PPC's intentions and go through the Pillars of Parish Stewardship and plan times to connect this next year. Dick also suggested sending various Committee leaders a packet of information about the Pillars before we meet with them. Mike suggested that each month's PPC Meeting Agenda include an opportunity for Council members to report on any contacts they have had with committees or their leaders. All agreed to plan to go ahead with contacts.

- B. Msgr. Gene stated that he thought it is not necessary to plan a Member Orientation Session because of renewals and Tony Fladeland's absence.

C. Mike asked for suggestions on Council Goals for 2015-16.

- a. John Grasl suggested successfully putting into practice our Portfolio plans.
- b. Implementing a Ministry of leadership program was offered by Mike.
- c. Msgr. Gene questioned how we could encourage more leaders across the board and stressed finding a way to develop leadership and participation. Shawn, Dick, and Leo all suggested contacting individuals personally and ask if they would be interested. Kurt asked how do we promote an altruistic attitude in people that will inspire them to get involved. Msgr. stressed the importance of recognizing what strengths individuals might have. Kurt suggested that we put on a leadership academy - seminar/training-to help develop an interest. Dick commented that Fr. Robert may have better luck in contacting younger people and that we need to encourage them to see how they can contribute to their parish. As an example he mentioned that a year from this Fall a group wants to put on a gala similar to the one Fargo Shanley puts on. The planning for this would benefit from a few younger people. Possibly involve the Young Professionals and/or a similar group.

DECISION ITEMS:

- + Msgr. Gene opened the floor for the Election of PPC Officers. Dick nominated current officers and John seconded the motion. All approved.
 - Chair: Mike Wolf
 - Vice-Chair: Shawn Morlock
 - Secretary: Carolyn Hesford

PASTOR'S COMMENTS:

- + Msgr. met with teachers this past week and focused on the sacrifices they make and his appreciation for their dedication to SMGS. He also stated that he is encouraging his parish staff to look at things with fresh eyes and look at ways to freshen up our daily routines.

Next meetings: September 15 and October 20, 2015 at 5:30