



Pastoral Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Attendees: Hans Higdon, Andy McDonald, Chris Kuss, Craig Cornelius, Jason Suchowski, Sean Carroll, Mark Readinger, Pat Kennedy, Christopher Schuele, Patricia Wisialowski, Bishop Jeff Haines, Fr. Jose Gonzalez, Mary Ann Delzer

Excused: Eugene Burke, Bud Cialdini, Michael Bula

Leadership Retreat Debriefing - All

- Take a-ways: Councilors shared appreciation for Michelle Nemer as the facilitator and introduction of the principles of Amazing Parishes. Plan to focus on improving communication between pastoral council and staff was confirmed. Next year to consider a longer retreat to allow for some personal time and include celebration of Mass at retreat or at the Cathedral. All agreed date should be set in September next year, but not to compete with the seminary dinner.
- Discuss dates for joint meetings with staff: November 20, 2018. Pat W to invite Mark Kemmeter to present *Cathedral Future Directions Summary*.
- January 15, 2019, meeting will be a regular council meeting.
- Return of Michelle for check-in: Pat W. will contact to set a follow-up date with Michelle.
- Reading of *Great Catholic Parishes*: Books ordered for councilors and staff, and available for pick up in the vesting sanctuary. We will begin to discuss at the November meeting.

Bishop's update

- Looking forward to attending the Amazing Parishes Conference with Fr. Jose and the leadership team.
- Appointed as Vicar for the Vicariate, encompassing two Deaneries, Milwaukee North West and Milwaukee North East/Ozaukee.
- Work is continuing on the Narren organ with hope for completion by Christmas.
- Repairs are being made to the rectory, including asbestos abatement and plumbing replacement.
- Milwaukee Downtown (BID 21) has requested lease-hold improvements in order to renew their lease: heating repair (completed), creation of additional conference room and cubicles. Their board is considering two other offers. No improvements will be made unless the lease is renewed.

Fr. Jose's Update

- Thanks from new members on the "Spirit of Welcome" they have received.
- Ministry is growing with new Altar Servers and Lectors.
- Currently 70 members participating once a month in formation shared in Spanish.
- Partnering with married couples in ministry to couples considering marriage.

- Building a core group for a young adult/youth group that will be bi-lingual. Hope is to grow this group to include all young people in the parish.

Discipleship Celebration Debriefing – Pat W

- Event was well received, with good food, fellowship and important information during the mandatory meeting. Next year considering a Sunday morning meeting and brunch, between morning Masses.

Commission Assignments - Hans

- Catholic East: Chris K.
- Amazing Parishes: Craig and Sean
- Finance: Mark and Andy
- Fine Arts: Jason
- Human Concerns: Gene and Pat K.
- Worship: Christopher
- Formation: Pat W.
- Stewardship: Mary Ann
- Councilors to make contact with your corresponding staff member and make an effort to attend meetings/events.

Stewardship Meeting Debriefing – Pat W and Mary Ann

- First meeting a great success with enthusiastic members and Jack Perez discerning to be the Chair.
- Next two meeting are scheduled and the group will do an analysis to consider the current strengths/weakness in the areas of Welcoming, Communication, Time and Talent, Parish Life. After this discussion the group will set their goals for the year.

Deanery Meeting Debriefing – Hans

- Semi-annual meeting at St. Monica's.
- Discussed various topics of concern: Training on the Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Emergency Procedures for Active Shooters, Re-working the "Caring Parishes" proposal to "Companion Parishes." More information will be forthcoming as final decisions are made.

Review Issues Log - Hans

- Several items on the log are items that Stewardship Commission can consider.

Closed with viewing the Amazing Parishes video on Engaging Meetings:

<https://amazingparish.org/engaging-meetings/>