December 1st meeting notes

Present: Fr. Dave, Eva Ramos, Deb Snow, Bev Gay, Patrick Heath, Larry Ullman, Carolyn Ullman, Kim Bastable, Mark Kirchmeier

Meeting minutes: Kim Bastable
Time keeper: Bev Gay

Thanksgiving holiday check-ins!

1. Visioning Update
    a. Meeting on 11/6 for visioning session
    b. Larry distributed notes from that session. How do we move forward after the holidays? How do we engage our parish to keep building on things expressed?
        i. Build social events in 2023- totally doable, look for leaders and volunteers
        ii. Welcoming table after mass- PC could have visibility and is doable
        iii. STAR gatherings- both at parish and maybe people's homes.
            1. STAR = St. Andrew Relational Gatherings, get together in smaller groups and get to know people. Hosted at either parish or in people's homes.
        iv. Pastor selection committee
            1. Required to turn in resignation when you turn 75. Hard to move a priest at Fr. Dave's age. Stated clearly at church that Fr. Dave is NOT retiring.
            2. People have a concern about who the next pastor will be. Bishop is "softening" over the years!!! Fr. Dave says Sample is taking more of a middle ground these days, and is hopeful that he will be more open to suggestions of a new pastor.
            3. What's the process of selection of a new pastor? Question from Patrick
                a. First step is seeing announcement of which parishes have openings for the following year
                b. Input from the parish about who they might like to see
                c. Committee of priests who make decisions about who goes where
                d. Invite priests to come visit St. Andrew who might be a good fit- Fr. Dave keeping eyes out for these
                e. Vicor for Personnel? Yes, but highlight St. Francis experience
        v. Senior/Youth Ministry
        vi. Can we come up with dates with moving forward- announcement at the meeting about creating working groups about advancing these priorities. Carolyn proposes a Sunday in February after Mass to form these working groups

    c. Question for Eva about 12:30 mass priorities
        i. Desire to connect with the 9:30 community and want to know more people. A lot of small business owners could be connected- socializing and relationship building
        ii. Youth ministry also a priority
        iii. Small Faith groups- return of Bible study groups
    d. Larry suggests a parish picnic would be a great way to bring 2 communities together.
    e. Fr. Dave says planning a Posada to bring communities together in Christmas season 12/20, 6:30pm
        i. Table Advent soup night, bring it back up for Lenten soup nights
        ii. Maybe not connected to an actual holiday, more regular
    f. Fr. Dave would like to form a religious education committee- looking at the whole spectrum of religious ed here.
        i. Including RCIA?
        ii. Fr. Dave wants to work out the puzzle of baptisms
2. 2023 gatherings
    a. Fall Ministry fair
    b. Welcoming committee table (doesn't have to be PC member)
3. Catholic and transgenders and LGBTQIA groups- Carolyn
    a. Carolyn received a call about someone coming to talk to GSA groups at local high schools
    b. Looking for someone who is Hispanic to come talk to group
    c. Sample working on a written plan to advise schools on how to advise on same sex families and gender fluid students in the schools.
    d. Fr. Dave says the document of "guidance" will be given out soon. Priests have no idea what the content is going to be- no input being allowed.
    e. Serious concern about what the content of the document will be.Not a lot of details of when this will happen. Vicariate asked to slow down the process for people to be able to look at it.
    f. Fr. Dave received a call from the same person with the request to come talk with the high school parent group.
    g. Specific ask is: someone to speak to parents at a PTA type meeting to help them navigate the church. Fr. Dave says Hispanic community will want a priest to come talk about this topic- the mothers are more open to the topic than the dads are. They will want a priest to be the one to come talk. How to proceed?
        i. Eva and Fr. Dave will think if there's someone who is a good candidate. They will be back in touch with Carolyn so she can take action and follow-up with contact.
4. Fr. Dave Pastor corner
    a. Question: should we postpone the Christmas events due to triple threat of RSV/COVID/Flu? Fr. Dave concerned about gatherings
        i. Mark proposes waiting
        ii. Bev proposes waiting

iii. Patrick wondered how to not be reactionary and keep the forward momentum of in-person gatherings at this point. People experiencing COVID fatigue and not wanting to revert to isolation
iv. Fr. Dave wondered about maybe just keeping with having Mass or being really clear about messaging of coming to the Posada event that they should maybe wear masks and take extra precautions. Clear with the concerns and letting people make their own decisions on participation.
v. Go ahead with Posada but make sure people know about the seriousness of the virus realities of the world. We will keep trying to move forward with events as we can

b. NE Vicariate Joint Activity 2023
   i. Fr. Dave distributes info created from the Eco-Justice Spirituality committee. They planned the event in detail.
   ii. Date to change to May 13, 2023
c. Vicariate/parish planning info from
   i. What's the future of the parish/vicariate?
   ii. Not sure of process yet but report supposedly due in May
d. New Anglo priest in charge of Hispanic ministry in Archdiocese
e. Archdiocese selling property on Burnside and moving offices to Cathedral.
   i. Collections going down in Sunday masses
f. Catholic Sentinel closed and no remorse about doing that.
g. Fr. Dave recruiting younger people to participate in ministries at 9:30 mass.

5. Update from 12:30 community- Eva
   a. Rosary to Guadalupe starts on Saturday
   b. Christmas preparation
   c. Posadas coming up
   d. Biggest crowd ever at 12:30 mass last Sunday- very full
   e. 12/12- Dia de la Virgen, 7pm
6. Bev asked about the ability to switch PC meeting to zoom due to inclement weather
   a. Pros and cons of zoom meetings
   b. Fr. Dave brings up the difficulty of finding new date to postpone.
   c. PC meetings will switch to zoom in Jan and Feb if there's inclement weather
7. Update on Casey Boggsclement weather–all agreed.
8. Next PC meeting 1/26/23.
9. Sign-ups for announcements