

9/22 - Pastoral Council Meeting

Present:

Deb Snow

Ray McDonald

Adam + Pooh Bear

Therese Deslippe

Fr. Dave

Bev Gay

Patrick Heath

Kim Bastable

Carolyn Ullman

Larry Ullman

Eva Ramos

1. Honoring time commitments- maintain 1 hour as a group. Time keeper job- looking for someone to take it on. Carolyn timekeeping today. Agenda to keep us on track. Bev volunteers to be our timekeeper for the fall season.
2. Calendar for the year. The 4th Thursday of the month is standing meeting time. Thanksgiving conflict. Propose 11/18, Patrick proposes 12/1. Deb is not around for 11/18, discussion of conflicts for each day. Decision to blend Nov and December meetings and meetings to take place on 12/1. Return to 4th Thursday in Jan.
3. Visioning Update: Follow-up on list. Meeting with Mary Nemers about condensing list to actionable items. Asked Mary and Lisa to have the first Nov follow-up meeting to focus on action items from the list. Agenda hashed out already. Meeting is on Sunday, 11/6. Similar format as the first visioning meeting, the goal is to synthesize the list down to 5-6 items. Asking for more pastoral council presence at the 11/6 meeting, perhaps lead a table group discussion. Start with sign-ups for Star Gatherings STAR =St. Andrew Relational Meetings. Small gatherings at people's homes but also have the parish hall available for gatherings too. STAR gatherings to take place during Advent. (Sign-ups in Nov meetings). Question: are people comfortable having gatherings at home or prefer parish spaces? Perhaps more comfort with doing meetings at parish after Mass. Advantage of having gatherings at parish is that MACG will be involved. Question: sign-up only in-person after church? Any other ways to sign up? Question: are people expected to attend all 3 meetings in a row? Or only one of them? Process? Observation: unaware of some of the things on the list, can we have an open house to orient people to the ministries/people involved? How to engage with the 12:30 community? Interest expressed in joining 9:30 with 12:30 community.
4. Integration of 12:30 community: not fair to make a decision right now about how to integrate. There isn't a Spanish language newsletter, lack of awareness of November dates for visioning. Work in progress and continued discussion needed with the 12:30 community. Fr. Dave gives reminder of 2 goals of process in doing the revisioning. Put on agenda for next meeting.

5. PC role on the Synod: Worldwide report of Synod results. What are the things we need to do at St. Andrew in response to what we heard during listening sessions of Synod. Put a copy of the worldwide report on the website for awareness of the bigger picture. Results of what happened with Synod have been made widely available- email, website, etc. Following up on the Synod in our own way. Listen well first before making a Pastoral Plan. Longest part is the listening phase- important to Fr. Dave to give people a real chance to offer feedback. 3 year process.
6. Endowment- action items that happened that were talked about in the spring. Planned giving and legacy giving- what can people do when they want to give. Hesitant to speak to the parish at large because there will be big projects soon that need major funding. Small group of people who wanted to set up the planned giving vehicle via OCF. Question: is there a capital campaign on the horizon to address the parish at large? Yes. Original roof of 100 years ago is leaking now. Question: repair of stained glass windows? They are in good shape- someone looked at them. Perhaps a new sound (def new microphone for Fr. Dave!). Lighting and sound and new roof and steeples. Administrative council is working it out- hiring someone to oversee the process.
7. Recognizing ministries: what are people currently doing? How to shine a light on all the things happening and communicate that these things are happening? Lots of groups doing things privately but only Fr. Dave knows what the ministry is- at least a comprehensive list of what's happening. Ex. People want to know more about L'Arche.! Announcement or table after church? Sundays after mass- invite people to a table at coffee and donuts and tell us what you are doing! Invite people to the table to tell us what they are doing...Social media/newsletter highlights. Quarterly "faith in action" days- neighborhood clean-up days/small projects. Maybe a ministry fair after all the info gathering/listening sessions are done. Build community first and then have a ministry fair next fall. Not a process to rush. Observation: how can we make this welcoming and make sure people don't feel shut out (especially with the small faith groups). Do people want their ministry publicized? Do people want their names associated with the ministry?
8. St. Francis refugees: More welcoming to new faces and more cohesive as a PC to make sure people want to stay and be vital participants in parish community. Tabled for another time. Not technically "new members" anymore- been closed for 3 years! They don't want to hear they are "new." Some members still organize a meal program. Perception vs. reality.
9. Pastor's corner: ArchD Pastoral Council- 2 members at least , Chair and one other person. This year is Nov. 18-19 at Queen of Peace in Salem. Evening on 18th and full day on 19th. All gather to discuss issues of the Church and diocese. Vicariate priests can't attend on 11/19. Since COVID, most parishes are down by 1/3rd of regular attendance. We aren't down, but everyone else is. Other priests hear the same thing that people want to have community. NCR parishioner. Fr. Dave encouraged lay leadership because that's what's coming down out of the Vatican. We are going in the right direction. No plans to retire, but the archdiocese did inquire.
10. Relational piece: what does it look like to come to St. Andrew for the first time? Looking through the eyes of a new person- how do I engage? Talk more about resources- people tend to come to Fr. Dave and ask how do I get involved? People are registering too.

11. Sign-up for announcements for the next few Sundays. We can also be greeters once/month. Set script from Carolyn each Sunday.