

January 26, 2023

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Carolyn Ullman, Larry Ullman, Patrick Heath, Mark Kirchmeier, Ray McDonald, Deb Snow, Joseph Finnegan, Fr. Dave, Kim Keefe

1. Opening prayer- Larry
2. Intros/Check-ins
 - a. Deb making blankets for people in chemo/just out of chemo
3. Visioning Update
 - a. Need to decide on a date to reconvene the community to start taking action on 8 items from visioning.
 - b. 8 tables, 1/theme, people join the table/share ideas, info, contact info for each other and start deciding on what items they want to build on. Community action= build community.
 - c. Is there interest in PC members in being a part of each 8 action items? Not leading, just being present.
 - d. Existing ministries: April is ready and wants to be involved. More engagement and ideas generated when more people join.
 - e. Have a sign-up to be a committed member of action items.
 - f. Invite people who have already been a part of (ex. Youth ministry) who have historical memory of what has already been done/have relationships.
 - i. How do we contact those people? Target invitations
 - ii. Joseph- senior ministry, Fr. Dave- pastor selection cmte, April- youth ministry
 - iii. People excited about STAR gatherings
 - iv. Need to start welcoming table after Mass
 - v. Adult ed? Historically only 1 person organizing
 1. Different people who want to present different things
 2. UP workshops/ and connections with professors there
 3. Adult forums after Mass, Elected officials, trans speaker
 - g. Jessica/April busy on Sundays but 2 options Carolyn proposes: 2/26 or Mar 5 right after mass. 2/26 is the first Sunday of Lent. Wheels in motion for 2/26.
 - h. Fr. Dave has some volunteers for the Welcoming the Whole Family committee.
 - i. Joseph- senior ministry update
 - i. 4 lunches will be fully funded by money from Mult. Co.
 - ii. April- June: senior lunch and learns
 1. Joy Wallace did check-ins with seniors during pandemic
 - iii. World Cafe model- bring topics that aging people are confronted with
 - iv. Maybe move to gym but sticking with Oscar Romero room
 - v. Question: will there be benefits with other people supporting ministry?

1. Lost 2 committee members, down to 4 members. 6 members would be a good number. Good to add a few more members but the question is if talking about senior ministry is helpful.
 - vi. Pre-pandemic there were at least 40 people attending lunch and learns. People really appreciate it and it was successful. People want to see it return.
4. Endowment Update
- a. Legacy giving, but wanting to support continued social justice work of the parish. SEt up an endowment at Oregon Community Foundation. Money already in it, people participating.
 - b. Now Gordon Dickey wants to redirect money towards the capital campaign. Fr. Dave wants to explain both capital campaign and endowment at the same time. Both options exist for parishioners who want to support the church.
 - c. Wanting to do work in the choir loft, someone was here doing some painting and discovered water running down the wall.
 - d. Need a new roof and reseal the whole church. \$1.2 million price tag, already have \$600K.
 - e. Fr. Dave is looking for wealthy Catholics who are interested in putting money into the actual building. Looking at that first. Arch Vlazney might help make connections.
 - f. 2 companies are willing to work together so the church isn't paying double for work. Summer timeline for work.
 - g. Fr. Dave can ask for a loan for remainder from Arch but needs to be able to prove ability to pay back funds within 3 years. Summer timeline might be a little aggressive to be able to provide this proof.
 - h. Census update- get accurate information for people so we have updated contact. Lisa and Diana are going to start working on this.
 - i. Also looking for people to share talents/gifts as part of the updated census.
 - i. Is the PC in support of doing this work? YES. It's been needed for a while. We've been given a lovely building, Want to pass on a beautiful building to the next generation.
 - j. Grants to pay for \$600K? Also looking at redoing the lighting and sound system. Glitchy sound system for the last 2 weeks.
 - k. Questions/suggestions: Al Corrado, wealthy Catholic donor. Donated \$500K to Holy R for reno recently.
 - i. Fr. Dave looking for someone to coordinate the campaign, let Fr. Dave know if you're interested
 - ii. Hesitant to redo entire electrical system
 - iii. Is there a long-range plan for taking care of the building- 10 year or 20 year plan of what needs to be done
 1. Fr. Dave prefers to be a poor church that asks for \$ when it's needed rather than gathering wealth for the future.
 - iv. It's been a while since there's been an ask for capital campaign

- v. What's the timeline for roll-out?
 - 1. Sooner the better! Trying to start with big donors first.
 - 2. Lighting and sound could be funded via parish asks
 - l. Meeting with school and future of building onto the school
 - i. Add to north side of the school and adding a gym to Nativity school building
 - ii. There are some plans to add to the south side and carry it through to the gym. Cut off the second parking lot and get rid of the rental house.
 - iii. Potentially building around community center and using roof garden space. Lose parking spaces, but if we lose the spaces we can't get them back. Hesitant to lose spaces but the school would pay for all buildings.
 - iv. New principal, worried about kids wandering and leaving Nativity school, wants a building space that prevents that.
 - v. New gym would go on the field space.
 - vi. School is asking how to sell to the neighbors? Reduce the noise with more indoor spaces!
 - vii. School is interested in starting project sooner than later.
 - m. No report from Eva
 - n. 5/20 at 10am - Ecojustice ministry vicariate day (St. Andrew/Madeline/St. Charles)- walk through Cully and watch Pope Francis movie.
 - o. James the recycler- takes everything the city won't take (clamshells, etc...) \$3/bag of things. He shreds the material and sells it. Mention to Lisa to put it in the bulletin
5. Archdiocese policy on gender
- a. Guidelines, not policy, currently in the Archdiocese of Portland
 - b. US Bishops will meet and draft a policy in the future.
 - c. Fr. Dave says Sample expects this to be implemented immediately, not really a difference between guideline and policy
 - d. Concerns about references- only to support his view
 - e. Sample unhappy that Fr. Dave addressed it on Sunday
 - f. Fr. Dave told in a zoom meeting that pastors are not to support medical or social changes. That you aren't "loving" them by allowing people to transition.
 - g. "Truth"?
 - h. Fr. Dave talking with theologians (Georgetown/UP) about 2 things:
 - i. There isn't actually is a formal teaching on gender transition in the Church
 - ii. When an opinion of a Bishop translate to the Church's teaching
 - iii. Theology is much more complicated than that.
 - i. "Catholic WorldView"- what is this based on? His theology is very messy in Fr. Dave's opinion. Not consistent and inaccurate.
 - j. Priests afraid to speak up: "I'm afraid of losing my position" But if we don't speak up, we are failing our community.
 - k. The Priest's council was affirming of Arch Sample- "they are the ones who asked me to do this" [make this document].

- l. Bring more voices to the table in the decisions about what's happening in the diocese.
- m. Table discussion about this document until time to digest.
- n. Parish will want to talk about it