Pastoral Council meeting
May 25, 2023
Present: Joseph Finnegan, Fr. Dave, Bev Gay, Larry Ullman, Carolyn Ullman, Tom Nishimura, Patrick Heath, Ray McDonald, Peter Anderson, Jack K., Mark K, Kim B, Adam Richards, Therese DeSlippe

1. Check-ins
2. June meeting/potluck
    a. Welcome new members to PC
    b. Venue: Fr. Dave's house!
    c. 6/22, 6pm
    d. Fr. Dave makes salmon, everyone else brings sides/drinks
3. Vision Update- Carolyn
    a. 6/4- Adult Ed committee meeting after church
    b. Carolyn has contacted members of ministry committees. Heard back from adult ed, pastor selection (on hold while Fr. Dave is still staying put), STAR gatherings (in works, Mary Nemers and Jackie Rossini, info coming soon), small faith groups (in works, Mary Nemers, has had meetings)
    c. Welcoming Table? Deb Snow absent from mtg, Mark maybe to take it on and gather a group. Don Roach interested helping. Carolyn to send list of people to Mark.
    d. No response from Youth Ministry
    e. Senior ministry update from Joseph: strong! Summer off from recent activities. Start up again Sept/Oct. Great attendance, outgrowing OR Room! Planning done quarterly.
4. Wider distribution of LGBTQ letter
    a. Idea from Ray: Send the letter to the Vatican?
    b. Mark- protocol is to send to papal nuncio in Washington DC. Fr. Dave not sure if it would actually arrive!
    c. Joseph: discussion amongst committee. Did make a change to include invitation to Archbishop to dialogue. Do dialogue first before wider distribution? Committee expresses concern about overstepping
    d. NCR reporter parishioner who would have ideas of how to distribute (Katie Scott)
    e. Tom: how much time to wait for a response? Longer it goes on it kind of dies. How much time is enough time?
    f. Letter was sent a week a half ago. Sent via snail mail. Sent letter, St. Andrew statement and approx 250 signatures.
    g. Follow-up phone call? Fr. Dave can call Archbishop's secretary
    h. Send to NYTimes- Carolyn has connection
    i. Table any further action to 6/22 meeting
5. Care for Creation Walk
    a. Positive experience- Fr. Dave, Carolyn and Joseph in attendance
    b. Grant student activist
    c. Good representation of 4 parishes

    d. About 100 people attended. Diff ages/groups/faiths
    e. Not a great public witness, poor sound, some things to shift but great for first time
6. Fr. Dave and 12:30 community report
    a. 12:30 community requested meeting, how to plan and come back after COVID. Lots of new people and good ideas and plans
    b. Birthday cake after 12:30 mass as symbolic of new birth of church (Pentacost)
    c. Puentes- shift to a potluck instead of sitting at tables with 9:30 community
    d. Next Friday 6/2 is first potluck, more natural way of getting to know people
        i. Add to announcements for Sunday, 5:30-9:00pm
    e. Staff needs to assist the group in getting the things done, but Fr. Dave concerned it hasn't happened yet, some common understanding of who is bringing food, etc
    f. Field, gym will be open, time for people to get to know one another, 2X/month
    g. Too hot during summer months to do coffee after 12:30 mass
    h. Comite is starting up again, looking for someone else besides Eva to join PC
    i. Fr. Dave is only priest who will baptize if parents aren't married in the Church
        i. Fr. Dave has to say no when people approach him and families understand when he explains it
        ii. Other pastors get upset with Fr. Dave
    j. Eva to share more at 6/22 meeting about 12:30 community
    k. Archdiocese asks to complete survey of viability/health by end of August
        i. Definitions of viability/health. Internal vs. External factors
        ii. Fr. Dave makes a point about the external factors in Arch that impact a parish too, wants that to be looked at
        iii. Need to have a written response- how will we handle this?
        iv. Fr. Dave thinks it's mostly about financial status
        v. Maybe time to look at other models- not just priest/pastor model. Herding people all into one mega church isn't desirable.
        vi. Reality: fewer and fewer priests available to be pastors
        vii. Mark suggests a short/simple response. 1 page.
        viii. Use materials from recent capital campaign
        ix. Need to move away from model of pastor as resident of church. Lay administrators
        x. Carolyn says to use Google Docs for brainstorm of ideas
    l. Start work on steeples on Tuesday!
7. Joseph- 7/16 Pride Parade.
    a. Mobility issues
    b. Anyone have access to golf cart with 4 seats to use for Parade?
        i. Local Catholic schools with golf teams might have access?
8. Jack- St. Francis group
    a. Main concern from former St. Francis community is keeping Fr. Dave