

Pastoral Council Meeting - 2/22/24

Present: Fr. Dave, Carolyn, Larry, Ray, Peter, Bev, Patrick, Kim, Adam, Therese, Mark

Check-ins

1. Synod/letter to Pope
 - a. 2/4/24- letter from Arch, Todd Cooper
 - b. 1 pg document of parish discernment
 - c. If we took the original synod document, responses on the website. Glean some of those answers instead of a Lenten discernment process.
 - d. People/Carolyn uncertain where synod information will go given the current ARch.
 - e. Write a letter to the Pope about how we truly feel about everything.
 - f. What new answers would we gather?
 - g. Bev feels we were ignored with the original information we sent. Wasn't valued by the Archbishop. Agrees with sending it directly to the Pope so Archbishop can't discard again
 - h. Question: does the letter go to Papal Nuncio in DC?
 - i. Fr. Dave wants a letter to Pope to encourage Pope to keep doing what he's doing. Letter of encouragement
 - j. Peter: did we see what the Archbishop sent in after all parishes sent in synod info
 - i. Fr. Dave thought it was ok, prob still available on the diocesan website
 - k. Peter: where did the 3 suggested Bible passages? and felt moved by them.
 - i. Fr. Dave- came from the Bishop's committee
 - ii. Peter typed up quotes from Bible passages
 - l. Peter: yes to send something to the Pope
 - m. Fr. Dave: disagreement of local diocesan Church. Disagree with the way decisions are being made. Keep separate the universal Church with the local diocesan Church.
 - n. Patrick: process for Pope to get direct feedback?
 - o. Vicariate in agreement with St. Andrew synod information
 - p. Carolyn: reiterate what we've already said. We've already pretty much discerned
 - i. Larry and Carolyn can put something together, looking for someone else to look at it too.
 - ii. Kim can look at it too
 - iii. Due before March 20, 2024
2. Anniversaries
 - a. Lisa asked about not announcing dates of anniversaries and use the birthday format- stand if yours is this week
 - b. Mark wants to continue doing as is- saying how many years it is
 - c. Therese thinks especially for milestone anniversary
 - d. Patrick: too unstructured and really difficult time for families. Encourages streamlining process.

- e. People get upset when they aren't allowed to make an announcement.
 - f. Fr. Dave thinks having people sign up ahead of time, Peter suggests getting the text of announcement ahead of time
 - g. If they host a table in the community center after mass, they can use that as the format to share
 - h. The Liturgy committee talks about how to make this easier. Tom tries but is involved in music and can't regulate
 - i. Announcement about announcement changing, but keeping anniversary format the change
 - j. Therese: change the language to be less ableist
3. Youth Ministry
- a. Concerns about both communities
 - b. Will be looking at the end of the year and making some changes. Good time to evaluate. Fr. Dave open to the PC talking through the process. What may have worked once may not work now.
 - c. Lots more kids at 12:30 community- standard right now in Hispanic communities. Younger populations
 - d. Bev explains the history of YM and parent involvement. Find a way to support the program to get kids now to embrace what's offered
 - e. Jess was supposed to get together YM committee- Patrick was on it
 - i. Maybe start with them again
 - f. Fr. Dave: looking at requirements for the job description. Good time to do it. Fr. Dave is looking for some guidance on it. July is the next cycle.
 - g. CYO has games on Sunday now, didn't used to be like that
 - h. Carolyn to add to future agenda.
4. Retreat
- a. Maria Fleming willing to do parish retreat. Suggests a day retreat. Willing to organize a committee to get it organized
 - b. Maria wants to come to PC meeting to talk about it
 - c. Lots of new people- give sense of roots of parish and tell stories
 - i. Ray- what if there was an archive/book that people could receive when they are new to parish? Brochure?
 - ii. Point out welcome/registration table once/month to make sure people know its there
 - d. Maria is approved. Fr. Dave will make the official ask.
5. Pastor Updates
- a. Faith/Labor breakfast
 - i. Filled with people. Labor/union leaders in the parish
 - b. Scaffolding is coming down by %.
 - c. Waiting until after Easter to paint interior
 - i. 2 weeks to paint. Won't need scaffolding
 - ii. Committee to look at paint colors
 - d. Didn't have to get \$\$ from Arch

- e. Focus on college aged kids from Hispanic community who can speak both languages
 - f. Bishop Peter Smith for Confirmation. Large group from all around. Some kids coming because confirmation program here is less intense
 - i. Fr. Dave does younger kids in English and Spanish. Diana meets with parents/older kids
6. Larry and Carolyn are absent next month. Peter notices next month will be Holy Thursday.
7. Motion to skip March and go to April. Confirmed. Next meeting is April 25.
- a. Fr. Dave wants YM on the agenda
 - b. Input from parents- we have 2 months to gather feedback
 - c. Ask kids in the group what they want from the experience too
 - d. What's going to be the scope of what we are talking about?
 - e. Focus on middle/high school