St. Anthony Pastoral Council Meeting
September 21, 2019
9:30 AM

Members Present:

Bryan Gonzalez	Kim Lehman (Commun Dir)	**Mary Porter** / Joe Fitzgerald (Board of Ed)	Lana Fogue	Eric Kofoed	Wendy Ogden
Charles Lavorato	Ann McFall	Julie Konkol	Audra Hutton	Msgr. Chiodo	Jose Soto
Virginia Soto-Aronda					

Members Absent:

Dave Miller	Cindy Schnell	Tim McDonald	Marco Balmaceda	Diana Balmaceda	Karen Zenti
Chris Corrice	Jacob Heflin	Father Dolan			

1. **Welcome and Lauds –**
   - meeting began 9:30 AM
   - New Member intro and welcome – Jose Soto and Virginia Soto-Aronda

2. **Review / Approval of the Minutes**
   - Prior minutes were OK and approved.

3. **Special Guest:**
   - Parishioner had voiced some parish concerns to Msgr. Msgr asked Bryan to have a dialogue with the parishioner. Was invited to come to council meeting and was present.
   - PARISHIONER / COUNCIL DIALOGUE:
     - 30 year parishioner. Family – adopted child. Talked about priests, past and present, and how this is an exceptional parish.
     - **CONCERN** – seeing some disturbing things and feels that the new parish community is becoming a 'divided community'.
       - Wants to breakdown the indifferences
         - Church and School
           - Feels there is a disconnect between the church and school
           - Would like to see more things that involve/engage the kids.
             - Masses dedicated to each grade
             - Children and their families in a front section of the church.
             - Welcoming events for school families
         - Parish activities
           - Feels there is 'divided attendance' at the various parish activities.
             - English mass activities
             - Latin mass activities
             - Hispanic mass activities
           - The transition to an 'integrated parish' is occurring and is seeing some signs of progress, but is slow.
     - Council members then talked about the various things they are seeing that is helping the transition to an integrated parish community.

4. **Pastoral Update - Msgr**
   - Corpus Christi
     - Discussion around attendance / participation
       - Perhaps timing of event
       - Those who attended were very involved and engaged

        - Would like to see more people.
- New Bishop --- William Joensen
    - Ceremony on September 27th.
    - St Francis of Assisi.
    - Won't be doing the St. Anthony confirmation. Bishop Pates – one of his last 'events'
- "State of St Anthony's "
    - Parish Survey – see later in notes
- Financial Health
    - Stable overall

5. Board of Education UPDATE – Mary Porter filling in for JOE FITZGERALD

- Faith formation in the school
    - Expanding the mass buddy program
    - Adoration station
    - Contents of the front case of the school is now more spiritual related
- Challenges
    - Parish subsidy decreased by $55,000. Largest decrease in 5 years
        - What means
            - No longer have a counselor
            - Reduced cafeteria help
            - Teachers now asked to fundraise. Approx $20,000.
                - Asked to do more with less: teaching, counseling, fundraising.
- Stewardship program --- recent new policy
    - Not sure if lost and student numbers due to this.
- Misc:
    - Talked about volunteers in the classroom
    - Possibly putting some the school artwork in the church entryway(s)

6. Update on Historic Registry – who take over

- With the passing of Mary Quinn, who will carry this forward?

  Kim L now running with it
    - Needs help with everything.
    - Working thru Will, our external contact.
    - Now part of the various process "phases". State reviews / proposes changes / make changes / review again / etc.
    - Meetings with State are once every 4 months.
    - Final GOAL is still December 2020

7. Communication Update – Kim L

- Parish membership / list
    - Working thru obstacles. Different interpretations of 'parish member'
    - Access obtained to ParishSoft database to run own queries.
- St. Anthony Foundation kickoff
    - Flyer handed out about the foundation.
- Safe Haven Sunday
    - Happening October 21st.
- Golf Outing
    - $14,000 raised. Around 30 golfers. Received listing of the sponsors.
- One Voice – new ministry
    - Focused on what St. Anthony can do to bring kids with special needs closer to God.
    - First Step meeting to be held September 24th
- Bingo Night
    - Sat. Sept 28th. Host by St. Anthony School

- Dialogue around incorporating 'loteria' into future events.
- Public Square Rosary Crusade
  - To be held Sun, Oct 12th at noon at the Grotto
- Faith Formation
  - Challenge is that very few show up
  - Women's bible study coming up
  - New activity revolves around training engaged people to go after those who are 'lost'.
    - Master class
    - Parish mission
- SURVEY
  - Some minor changes to do – define discipleship
  - How to provide – online and/or paper
  - How/when to roll out
    - Open the school computer lab?
    - Sessions after mass – back of church??? Lower church???
    - Targeting Nov 9th and 10th as the rollout date.
- Welcome Committee
  - Working on getting pew holders with info sheet and pencils
  - Monthly meetings being discussed
  - Mailing to new members.

8. Community Council

- BINGO ----- Sept 28
- Next Bingo Nov 2
- In 2020, BINGO will be the 2nd Saturday of the 'odd' months of the year

9. Group Reading

- Revisted the handout from the previous meeting – Chapter 14 of specific book.
  - Generally about how to create a 'product' that is 'marketable' within the church.
  - Has good ideas, concepts, and question to ask
- Everyone was given a copy of the book: A CHURCH ON THE MOVE – 52 ways to get Mission and Mercy in Motion
  - **COUNCIL ACTION**: Read Part 1 of the book (pgs 2 – 46) on 'how a church on the move thinks'. Take notes / highlight / mark parts of the reading that 'hit home'.
  - Dialogue at next council meeting.

10. Concerns/Info about the Parish:

11. Casting a vision of 2019 and beyond

- Need to think on things we'd like to see in the next ONE THREE FIVE years
  - Continue to build the parish community
  - Focus in on fallen away Catholics
  - Improving relationship between church and school
  - Latin Mass plan
    - Does the new bishop affect this?
    - Mass seen as a positive by council
  - Communion rail usage
    - Start using at the other masses?
    - Trial use at one mass?

12. St Anthony Petitions

13. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: For 2019: NOV 16