

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – September 14, 2015

Present: Fr. George Blasick, Glenn Allen, Mary Lou Casey, Regina Gapzynski, Lisa VanDeVen, Nancy Hall, Bernice McLellan, John Olenik, Nadine Sleasman, Steve Sleasman, Karen Swift, and Vivian Urdaneta

Absent: Peg Mangano

Guests: Joan Ferris

Agenda:

- Meeting was opened with prayer by Bernice McLellan.

Minutes:

- Minutes approved after Regina motioned (seconded by Bernice) that the minutes be approved, and motion carried.

Fr. George's remarks

- Father George says he's still learning – it's a big place – learning names and places. He has asked the Pastoral Council is to think of 7 to 8 areas that cover everything (i.e. liturgy, parish center, Hispanic community, morale, etc.) and then at any one time have ONE priority under each of those areas. This way there are not fingers in too many pies. We'll get to the other priorities, but only after #1 is complete. We are interested in efficiency. Father distributed a one page excerpt from Gregory McKeown's book on Essentialism and time was taken to read. Father asked us for our reaction to this idea, and reactions included:
 - Eliminates getting nothing accomplished because they are accomplishing priorities that do nothing for anything/one.
 - Today people confuse activity with achievement
 - EVERY thing person are doing is a PRIORITY ... work, sports, ... has lost self
 - If you are not busy all the time you are not a fulfilled person in retirement ... falsehood.
 - Inner life is only life you need to have.
 - Too many priorities are what keep therapists in business!
 - Rather do things well, if take too many jobs on don't do anything well.

Council is to mull over the next couple of months and then take a look at what the 8-10 areas with priorities would be. Mission Statement needs to be reworked, and could fit under morale. Everyone should send their ideas for categories to Glenn and he will put together for the next meeting. One area of high priority discussed was hospitality.

Another area Father George addressed was the multiplicity of schedules. He had the same situation in Delaware, only with even more limited space resources, and getting this function in one place would make life simpler. Let's get on our website a calendar that for any given day there is only one schedule ... masses, confessions, classes, etc. Father George will be meeting with staff and investigating calendar possibilities. School calendar needs to be shown in some form.

Glenn addressed that our meeting is now 1 hour, and if we are going to do the kind of work required for this effort we should:

1. Either agree to extend the scheduled time of the meetings so people could plan accordingly, or
2. If we know that certain topics will take substantial time to work through, we may need to schedule a separate time for that purpose.

Decision regarding this can be made as we go along.

Old Business:

- Ministry Fair: It was decided we would hold this right before Lent. Date will be determined at the next meeting. Joan will retype up the information in the present ministry booklet for review /updates and then we will update in some form.

Next meeting: **Monday, October 19** at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Joan Ferris