

St. Cements Pastoral Council Meeting 3/21/2016

In attendance: Fr. George Blasik, Glenn Allen, Jack Macica, John Olenik, Peg Mangano, Nancy Hall, Vivian Urdaneta, Bernice McLellan, Lisa VanDeVan, Stephen Sleasman and Nadine Sleasman

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Glenn Allen.

Motion made by Bernice McLellan to approve the last (1/25/16) meeting's minutes. Lisa VanDeVen seconded the motion.

Pastor's Remarks – Fr. George advised the council that a representative of the Finance Committee will be attending our next meeting.

Glenn suggested topics to be discussed could be the Bishop's Appeal, endowments, money dispersion, and funding of the St. Clement's 100th anniversary next year. Glenn wondered who was planning the 100th anniversary. Walt suggested that we could start the planning process. Bernice would like an overview from the finance committee.

Ministry Fair – Nancy stated that overall the fair was successful. More than 40 persons signed up to volunteer for various ministries. However, a glitch in communication caused much of the fair's materials to be removed by the 5pm Mass. Nancy suggested an exit strategy for the next fair. Erik suggested a follow-up meeting. At the time of the meeting gift baskets from the fair had not yet been delivered.

Eucharistic Ministers – Discussion on status/practice of dealing with E.M.s who don't show up for assigned times. At present there is a "two strikes and you're out" policy. Also, the Preparer will ask any E.M.s present for Mass if they would be willing to serve. 8am and 9:30am Masses have the biggest problem. Fr. George may talk with Joyce Ponsarella regarding possible solutions. Council discussions included training and scheduling E.M.s, and possibly dividing the present set-up into 2 jobs.

Discussion – How does the Pastoral Council fit in with the structure of the rest of the church? Approximately 15 committees in the church but not all are a driving force. Walt states that all groups report to the Pastor for any approvals needed for projects. Jack states that we are a conduit for people to the Pastor. Bernice and Glenn suggested that we interface with other committees to see what they do. Nancy and Jack suggested a P.C. mailbox or suggestion box for parishioner's problems, questions, or concerns.

Mission Statement – John and Fr. George collaborated on a draft of a new Mission Statement. This was sent to all Council members in an e-mail prior to the meeting. A very active discussion ensued with input from all members. Suggestions were made and opinions voiced. This topic will need to be revisited at a future meeting.

Nadine received a request from a parishioner for some way to indicate which book the hymns sung at Mass are in as he can read the numbers on the board but can't always hear what book they are in. Nadine received approval to speak to Jeff regarding this matter. She spoke to Jeff three days later and he said it was a good idea and he would see what he could do. Nadine plans to follow-up if needed.

Meeting closed at 7:55pm.

Next meeting is 4/18/2016.