

Mission Statement: "To Continue the Mission of Jesus through Prayer, Service, and Sharing."

Present: Nancy Bielfuss, Stephanie Gonzalez, Deacon Steve Vande Hey, Ed VanDehy

Excused: Glenn Hansen, Tammy Shortess

1. Meeting opened with prayer
2. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Motioned Nancy and seconded by Steph. Motion carried
3. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motioned by Nancy and seconded by Deacon Steve. Motion carried
4. Progress report on digital presence
 - a. Deacon Steve updated the group that John Johnson met with Janice Welhouse regarding the website. Janice seems to be very excited and knowledgeable about this. She has a timeline in place with a goal for completion by summer. An emphasis should be placed on interactivity for visitors to the site. There are no current concerns regarding costs. After website is up, we can look at phone/app ideas
5. Alpha Status and Springtime
 - a. Both the Dundas program and the faith formation program have not yet gotten to people who aren't yet practicing. It was noted that we need to work on the invitation because we aren't hitting that population. ALPHA participants should propagate this for perpetual ALPHA programming. Deacon Steve noted that the Diocese is planning an ALPHA push next year, which could include advertising (TV Spots?).
 - b. High School kids have given feedback that they really like the program because it offers them the opportunity to interact with on another.
 - c. Budget – No budget proposal has been generated at this time for the Pastoral Council to review, as they are still operating using the initial \$5K donation. They are aware of the need to create this budget proposal if they run out of funding prior to the start of the fiscal year. It was noted that the ALPHA team needs to ensure that ALPHA is allotted funding in the next budget.
6. Adopting Diocesan Vision
 - a. Ed shared the document "Ten Habits of Discipleship" produced by the Diocese. Document was reviewed and discussion center about whether to and/or how (and when) to distribute information to Parishioners. We want to be intentional with our development into missionary disciples.
7. Hospitality Call
 - a. Ed reminded us of a time when there was a capital campaign and people divided the parish roster and placed a personal call to invite them to participate. Similarly, he wondered if we should call to reach out to people, inviting them to SKD and ask for prayer requests, etc.
 - b. There was concern about the success of placing calls to parishioners (don't have everyone's cell numbers, people don't answer the numbers they don't recognize etc.)
 - c. Deacon Steve told us that the robo-calls that were used for the pictorial directory seemed to be successful and are an option.
 - d. Another option is to mail a beautiful postcard, because even if they don't keep it, people would have to physically touch it to throw it away. Hopefully, if it is beautiful, they will read it first.
8. Hospitality regarding the physical plant
 - a. There are still discussions regarding a possible atrium and/or entry way and about automatic push buttons for the doors by the elevator.

- b. Further conversation about valet parking or golf cart transportation was also discussed, to assist people who have difficulty getting from the parking lot (where the handicapped parking spots are safer to use because they are flat) to the building.
 - c. Additional conversation took place about the ramping in the lower level of the church and whether this ramping could be changed to be more accessible for those in wheelchairs or with walkers. Another idea proposed was that of using cameras to allow those in the hospitality ministry to know when people might be arriving who could use the assistance, so that they can meet them at their cars/entrances to assist them.
9. Rectory and possibly housing options
- a. Someone had suggested the possibility of housing an elderly priest in the rectory, as it is no longer being used on a regular basis. Deacon Steve noted that visiting priests do use it and Fr. Paul would use it if weather is too poor to drive back to GB.
 - b. PC members voiced concerns about logistics, insurance, etc. and it was determined that it is probably not feasible now.
10. Additions to March agenda
- a. Should we host a hospitality seminar on a Saturday (Hospitable Me in Oshkosh)
11. Other Business
- a. Deacon Steve spoke about Couples programming (monthly) during a break for ALPHA with babysitting as an option. It could be a "Date Night" or a Valentine's Day program offering.
 - b. Deacon Steve also mentioned the possibility of adding some financial education programs, such as Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, to the offerings of the parish.
 - c. There is a Diocese product called Mission Insite, which offers the demographics of the people within the parish boundaries (not just parish members and/or Catholics). Deacon Steve stated that we could potentially review this information in a small group or as a full Pastoral Council.
 - d. St. Katharine Drexel's feast day is 3/3. Following all masses that weekend, Pastoral Council members are asked to assist in the serving of cake and coffee.
12. Handouts
- a. 10 Habits of Discipleship

Next Meeting: 3/13/2018 at 7pm

Respectfully Submitted by Stephanie Gonzalez