

St. Mark Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes † September 1, 2009

In Attendance: Eileen Gallagher, Kim Antolini, Arthur Packard, Dennis Coleman, Lisa Strickland, Lizzie Espendez, KC Shinnars, Nancy Thibodeau, Chuck Chrimes, Msgr. Richard Bellow, Fr. Brad Jones, Deacon Robert Murphy, Deacon Louis Pais, and Deacon Ron Sherwood

Excused: Tom Rider, Ralph Wearsh, Alex Sabo

Guests: Rosemary Keeley

Eileen Gallagher welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Living Your Strengths: Rosemary Keeley came to discuss the Living Your Strengths ministry, Suggested that all of us read "Growing an Engaged Church". Discussion ensued on the handouts that described the book. There was discussion about ensuring that the ministries we have are going in their missions and that we are not just creating new ministries. October 28 - Engagement Committee Meeting will be held. Lisa and Dennis have been invited to attend and the discussion will be centered on the Gallup Measurement Tool described in the "Growing an Engaged Church" book. Rosemary also described the timeline of activities, actions and measurements we hope to do over the coming months. Rosemary has also trained 2 additional facilitators - Don Cashman and Lizzie Espendez.

Minutes: The July 7, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Goal & Objectives

Survey:

Theresa Rouse presented the final version of the survey. It is 3 ½ pages and should be only 5 minutes to take. It was decided that moving the last section of the survey forward and having the questions about existing ministries at the end would ensure we get the most important answered first.

Communications Update - have been issues with all items getting into the bulletin in a timely fashion. Also - items are sometimes falling out prior to when they should be removed. Heather Bellemore to address this so that this will not continue to happen.

Debbie Swift - in charge of Bereavement - discussion on what is the mission of Bereavement. Will invite her to a Pastoral Council meeting to discuss the ministry.

Dennis and Chuck - working on changing the constitution to allow for the Discernment process. They would like to have an electronic version so that they can do the changes.

Old Business

Discussion on the main room in the family center and how to use. We will wait and see how and what activities use the facility before deciding how to use the room.

Discussion on the Dedication. Everyone agreed that the Dedication went smoothly. Msgr. Bellow is working on ways to keep the church open as much as possible. There will be two videos produced - One of the entire dedication and one that has an edited version of the dedication as well as all the activities that became before and after the service.

Theresa Rouse read a beautiful Prayerful Reflection.

Pastors Comments

Msgr Bellow said we are going to have a Seminarian - Richard Worthington. He will arrive on September 9, 2010 for approx. 1 year. Church building process came in under budget. We are working on a parish mission that we will have prior to the beginning of Lent.

Fr. Jones closed the meeting with a prayer