

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 4, 2020 6:30 PM

Attendees: Katie Biese Oleinic, Father Bill, Adelyn Carney, Cindy Boyer, Elsa Johnson, Nancy Lindo-Drusch, Tricia Miller, Ron Schreiber, Tracy VanStippen, Charlie Voissem, Kelly Wilda

Absent: Ted Suess, Brian Wallace

For the **opening prayer** the Sunday homily was watched. It was discussed how the St. Mary community can hear and capture the stories of our elders, such as a series of “senior talks.”

Katie Biese Oleinic, Charlie Voissem, and Tricia Miller are participating in the sub-committee meetings to work on refining the **Vision Casting document**. The group is working on how to communicate St. Mary vision and values in a way that can be used for a variety of purposes, that resonates with people, and that reflects who and what we are as a parish. There are expected to be two more meetings before the document is finalized and comes to PLC for approval.

The **Lenten plans** were presented, including an introduction to Father’s homily series (similar to Advent) “Truth Revealed, on our Knees”. Adelyn Carney also gave an update on Lenten activities for youth, including adoration and a service project.

Upcoming activities related to the **Discipleship Pathway** were discussed, including:

- Noting that Alpha and What are Earth are we Here For don’t have to be done consecutively. The entry point should be whatever works for people
- The Homily connect cards are a very impactful (and impressive) way to keep the message alive throughout the week
- It is important to find more ways to bring people together, to connect and feel part of the family; be on the lookout for ways to find material that can be used to facilitate this and make it easy to organize (e.g. existing Bible study series)

A reminder was provided to attend **Shamrock Shenanigans** at Waverly Beach on March 13. It was agreed that the PLC will sponsor a basket for the event, and Tracey Van Stippen will coordinate that.

A **Campaign Status** report was provided (see Father’s thank you in the bulletin). We raised \$620,000, short of our goal, but very good. St. Mary was part of Phase I of the diocese, so diocesan results are not available. Work continues on the budget for what these funds will be spent on, including upgrading spaces and improving the faith formation program. Reminder that the Bishops Appeal starts soon, and \$58000 is our goal.

Ron Schreiber gave an update on the Worship **committee**: the group is considering a Lenten music program (similar to Advent), and has purchased an electronic drum set.

Additional items

- Contact Theresa Rohm if you or someone you know could help with the technology for recording the homilies and speakers at St. Mary
- The importance of getting youth involved and bringing them together was discussed. Adelyn Carney shared plans for a youth party to kick off the new St. Anne room space. Elsa Johnson gave some insight on how Catholics are perceived versus what they are actually like.
- Father discussed a few changes to the faith formation program, including having more Sunday activities for families, and getting people to think differently about how to engage the youth. They are considering finding an intern to work with students and adults on this; suggestions for finding such an intern included St. Norbert and Lawrence.
- Reminder to wear your nametags at Church!

Upcoming Dates:

Feb 9 - Pancake Breakfast

Feb 13 - Eat Drink and be..St. Mary

Feb 25 - Girls night for wine, cheese and chocolate

Feb 26 - Ash Wednesday

Mar 3 - Pastoral Leadership Council Meeting 6:30

Mar 13 - Shamrock Shenanigans

Motion to approve: Ron Schreiber

Second: Charlie Voissem