

St. Joan of Arc

Pastoral Council Minutes

July 16, 2018

Attendance: Deacon Ray Van Pelt, Roseanne Dowdy, Chuck Hoppe, Ginger Bahr, Terry Welker, Bob Chrest, Ray Ford, Jack Fuller, & Nancy Schmidt

Opening Prayer: Deacon Ray

- Introductions of all present especially welcoming our newest member to the council Roseanne Dowdy.
- **Mission Statement & Mission Priority:** (See attached handouts from Deacon Ray)
 - Reviewed briefly Strategic Plan that is in line with the Archdiocese. We are ready to move forward with implementation. The school Strategic plan is almost complete. Fr. Willie is vested and supportive and it needs to be moving forward.
 - Looked at the Pastoral council and what is their responsibility for the implementation of the plan
 - Pastoral council was given a book that discusses moving a Parish from Maintenance to mission.
- **Parish Strategic Goals:**
 - Engagement – 5 -10% of people are fully engaged. Hoping to expand that to 15-20%.
 - Integration of school & parish
 - Improve encounter with young adult and families MUST be doing better
 - Modernize facilities & develop long term plan
 - Coordination w/St. Patrick's needs to increase
- **Assessment of Pastoral Council**
 - What worked well? The welcome phone calls were very well received. People seemed pleased to hear from us and on several occasions folks met up with us in the gathering space and introduced themselves after the phone call.
 - What did not work well? The pastoral council overall did not feel that there were clear expectations set forth. We were happy to offer feedback to Fr. Willie at the meetings but were unsure what else was expected.
 - What can be done to improve? Adding new members to the pastoral council each year so that there is never a completely new group coming onto the council at one time. Have descriptions for each position on the pastoral council so that the each member is aware of what is expected of them.
 - Any recommendations for pastoral staff? If the staff could be looking ahead & asking for very specific support so that the Pastoral council is aware of the needs of the parish, that would be very helpful.

- **Upcoming areas on which we will be focusing**
 - Evangelization is TOP PRIORITY
 - Descriptions of ministries should be readily available so that we can advertise ministries which will then in turn make them more vibrant and accessible. Discussed having charters written up for the ministries. Terry will work on the charters and talk to the ministry leads.
 - Ministry tent at the picnic and a ministry fair 1 other time during the year.
 - Website will be updated with new updated content.
 - Bob Chrest brought up his initiative idea for 2 new programs Visit a Vet and Saint projects
 - Chuck Hoppe asked about a youth position on the council and having ministry leads sit in on council meetings.
- **August meeting:**
 - We will be looking ahead at the upcoming year September 2018-September 2019.
 - Chuck Hoppe will pull together a list of rules and responsibilities of Pastoral Council members.
- **Closing Prayer:** Chuck Hoppe

PLEASE REMEMBER OUR NEXT MEETING DATE IS AUGUST 13, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Schmidt