



Pastoral Council Minutes October 16th, 2018

Present: Fr. Rich, Mike Myers, Chad Archer, Andy Konopka, Karina Chavez, Luis Gutierrez, Bill Leece, Joe Ferlita, Tony Piasecki, Barb Knuth, Kasia Meler, Rick Zanardo

Not Present: Fr. Terry, Bob Keller, Jack Shedd, Bernie Schaeffer

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 P.M. by Chad Archer.

I. Mission and Faith First

- Tony Piasecki read the Prayer for Renew My Church and led the council in the Vision and Mission Statement

II. MISSION EFFECTIVENESS AND PULSE OF THE PARISH

- A prayer services and memorial for Patrick was attended by 1,100 people. All staff helped. The mother said she didn't realize what a comfort Holy Family could be. Father Terry was with the parents several times that week and did what he does SO WELL.
- Playing soccer with St. Theresa and St. Nectarios
- Hops on the Vine was terrific as an in-house event.
- Family Fest was well done: compact, good food trucks, very profitable dunk tank. Some missed the zip line, which previously came at a cost of \$4,500 (works out to \$40-50 per child that had opportunity to ride it).
- Compliments on readers at 9am Mass
- Spanish singing is appropriate
- One visiting couple and adult son were impressed by Holy Family and asked "is this really a Catholic Church?"
- Stop Doing - Regarding Art and Environment, the drop behind the alter uses dangerous and tedious pulleys. Could something be done to automate them?
- Start Doing - Sing Our Father; Greet more people; Make Scripture more accessible (On screen, in bulletin)...others thought congregation would miss expression of priest or proclaimers.

III. Approval of Council Minutes

- Andy Konopka moved and Mike Myers seconded. All approved.

IV. Family Faith Update (Rick Zanardo)

- Grades 1-6 Faith classes are underway. Scripture festival focused on Exodus
- Service Projects
 - Grade 1 - Wrote cards and letters to senior homes
 - Grade 3 - College pen pals
 - Grade 4 - Welcome to visitors and parishioners
 - Grade 6 - Random acts of kindness - children have assumed agent names and report. Actions will be published in bulletin.

V. Pastor's Report (Fr. Rich)

- Amidst the unbelievable tragedy of losing a teen to suicide, the Parish Community stepped up and supported each other and our teens. Dr. Peg will continue to provide resources for those in need of spiritual assistance.
- "The Quiet" reflective prayer experience will continue on Thursday, October 25th.
- Holy Family was represented at the Renew My Church Summit by Ro Geisler, Mary Whiteside, Sue Geegan, Kate O'Brien, Frank Sevilla, and Chad Archer
- Academy enrollment (532) is at its highest ever. Very strong pre-school.
- Family and Teen Faith kicked off September 9th and enrollment is slightly ahead of last year.
- Conversation with Catholic Extension Society continues regarding concerns at the US/Mexico border.
- Holy Family hosted Beth Tikvah Jewish Community for their High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
- New staff members added include Lan Dahn (fundraising), Michael Patti (Liturgical Arts) and Debbie Macaluso (Front Desk)
- Advent and Christmas planning has begun with a lot of energy around the word "BE"
- Hops on the Vine and Fall Fest appear to have generated a profit of \$34,000, \$4,000 above goal.
- Kathy and Jim Alghrim and Laurie and Kevin Harris will chair the 2019 Gala to be held at Concord Banquets on Saturday, February 23, 2019.
- Fr. Terry will give the annual Finance and Stewardship presentation this upcoming weekend.
- Strategic Planning continues with attending to action items needs to move forward.

VI. Deanery Council Update (Chad Archer)

- An overview of the Renew My Church Summit was shared. Highlights:
 - Father James Mallon’s presentations: “When the rate of change outside an organization is greater than the rate of change within, that organization will cease to be relevant.” “Hope is not a strategy. It is the starting point of a strategy.”
 - Invert the organizational chart with the pastor at the bottom, senior staff above him, and the parishioners at the top.

Gratitude for outgoing Council members completing their term was offered.

The next council meeting will be the November Council “Retreat” on Sunday, November 18th, with new members joining.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned by Chad Archer at 8:30pm. A closing prayer was offered by Barb Knuth

Respectfully submitted by Barb Knuth