

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Cecilia Church
October 7, 2020

Opening Prayer

Attendees: Father Leo, Father Seth, Michael Case, Chris Jermann, Deacon Jack, Katie Wohrle, Matthew Waldman, Lori Smith, Garnett Purnell, Kelly Morgan, Joe Reis, Mark O'Laughlin, Mike McKay, Eric Finchum, Steve Brezny, Doc Plante, Jim Martin

Agenda:

1. September Minutes
 - a. Approved
2. Reviewed Reports
 - a. No questions or comments.
3. Old Business
 - a. None at this time.
4. New Business
 - a. Garnett Purnell of SVDP met with Columbus Diocese about getting involved in Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope (ARCH) with the goal of helping prisoners return to society. ARCH is part of SVDP in our Diocese. Letters of Hope provides regular faith-based correspondence to incarcerated men and women transitioning back into the community.

Department of Corrections ARCH Program filters the individuals to our Parish. Confidentiality maintained where correspondence is reviewed going in and coming out through the DOC. The ARCH program offers mentoring, job placement, and eventually housing to give support and help them from returning to prison.

Our program will focus on persons incarcerated in Franklin County. Training offered to people who participate; not sure if there is a screening program.

Doc Plante of the Prison Ministry would like to become involved due to limitations to visiting due to COVID at this time. He will pass all the information about the program to Tony Stout.

Next steps, Garnett will meet with the Program Coordinator to find out expectations and present to interested members. If there is interest, SVDP will notify the PPC about introducing program to the Parish.

5. Strategic Planning
 - a. Members: Lori Smith, Principal and Strategic Planning; Kelly Morgan, Finance Council and Strategic Planning; Jim Martin, Strategic Planning; Eric Finchum, Strategic Planning

At Priests' Convocation of about a year ago the Diocese decided to form a strategic planning project. The Diocese contracted with Christian Leadership Institute to facilitate strategic planning at the diocesan level. Father wanted to form our own strategic

planning committee for the Parish as a result. The Strategic Planning Committee is joining the PPC meetings to further discussions and engage in strategic planning.

Father shared with us an organization chart of all the ministries across the parish. PPC functions to facilitate communication across all ministries and provide input. Would like to determine best way to do outreach to each group.

Suggestion for a survey of the various leaders of each group to verify information about participation in each group and possible short- and long-term plans would be helpful. Perhaps individual conversations versus a paper or online survey might provide better feedback such as participation, lack of participation, etc.

Action items are to come up with a standard survey to circulate then assign members of the team to personally contact leaders of each group.

- Faith Life – Chris, Eric
- School – Lori Smith
- Operations – Jim Martin and Matthew Waldeman
- Liturgy – Michael Case
- Finance – Kelly Morgan

6. Father's Report:

- a. Latino Ministry (Father Seth) met with Laura Kreber (Diversity Coordinator at school), Ginny Ringel, and Yolanda Phillips about creating a Spanish Ministry. Starting with disseminating important parts of the bulletin into Spanish e.g. Adoration, Pastor's Corner. In addition, certain events in Spanish such as weekday Masses and Confessions, certain celebrations. Would like to build a Hispanic community but will take time identifying needs and addressing.
- b. Confirmation scheduled for February 14, 2021 at 2 p.m.
- c. At the property across the street, there is an empty place and a request was received to open a dance hall; we've been asked for our input.

Next meeting is November 4, 2020.