

SIJ PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2014

Present: L. Berlin, L. Judd, G. Krause, R. DeKeyser, Deacon Dominic, J. Beckman, S. Brune, D. Mahalak, Fr. Darrell, J. Hogan, Deacon Jim
Absent: Deacon Kolarik

Father Darrell led the council in an opening prayer at 7:00 PM to begin meeting

It was noted that approval of September minutes had taken place prior to meeting.

Education Commission: Father has spoken with Sister Nancy and she is in the process of contacting individuals that had signed up for different commissions at our June informational meeting. She will also be in contact with Deb Kacir regarding Stewardship.

Finance: Steve Brune reported that at this time Summerfest financials were not 100% complete.

At this time a projected \$20,000 profit is expected with the raffle being almost half of that number. There is a sub-committee that has been formed that is working on the budget with one meeting having taken place last week. Father did voice some concerns regarding the Summerfest, with the rides being the primary area. We need something that can bring in the revenue, is this the right vehicle. We experienced low sponsorship and volunteer sign up which is vital in helping to ensure a successful event. There are no solid answers as to how to proceed for next year. The Summerfest steering committee will continue to meet and much discussion will need to take place.

Ideas are being formulated to “fill the church” working through the school children. Sister Nancy will work hand in hand with Sister Catherine Marie and we will look for this to begin after the first of the year. There is also a new policy and procedure that will be followed for when items/repairs are needed and how to place the request (going through the proper channels). The Business Manager will be first on list, it will then go to the Finance Council and a decision will be made from that point.

Weekly Collection Reporting: Lou Anne has received questions regarding the collections, how it is being reported in the bulletin and does it include both sites. There are concerns about the collections related to budget as well. Are budgetary needs being met to keep St. Angela operating is a voiced concern as well.

Worship: Deacon Jim reported that the new schedule for the liturgical year is out. Alexandra, our music minister showed the new missal that will be used. There is a need for a Sacristan, an individual has come forward willing to fill the position and also offered assistance in other areas as well. There is a need for a person to fill the same position at St. Angela so that there is continuity at both sites. AED training took place and another session will be needed. Ken is ordering two boxes to hold the units at SIJ and one will be ordered for St. Angela. Questions

were put forth regarding the Easter mass schedule and where and when services will take place. This information, when complete will be put in bulletin with enough advance notice so that planning can be made accordingly. Lou Anne indicated that the combined choirs will be at St. Isaac on the first weekend of the month and at St. Angela on the second. We also had discussion about adding to the bulletin “testimonials” as to evangelization and how the message of God is being shared.

Christian Service: No report at this meeting.

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER WE WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VARIOUS COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES ATTENDING MEETINGS TO REPORT.

Vicariate: Jim attended the meeting on October 1, 2014. He reported that survey results were discussed as well as programs that are being initiated within local parishes creating a lot of activity that is perhaps a bit confusing. There is Alpha, Awaken, Christ Life, etc. and different parishes within the vicariate are offering different programs making for many choices but there is a concern on how well they may be attended. Jim also reported as an FYI that if you are in need of catering for an occasion to visit the Capuchin website they have available offerings. There is also concern at these meetings that there is a tendency to have much discussion with few results. Survey results should be published in bulletin because while it is available on the internet not all have access to that option.

Old Business: The council had discussion about creating a new logo for the church bulletin. There was artwork made available and each member voiced their opinion and gave their choices. A vote was taken and a decision to utilize photos of both St. Angela and St. Isaac with the words “One Holy and Apostolic Church” surrounding the photos. Father will give the information to Tim Adamski and ask for a few renditions for consideration before a final choice is made.

Mission Statement: A mission statement should be brief, concise avoiding too “wordy” of a statement. We looked over several ideas and the choice was made to join together the statements “Loving God, Loving People” and “Making Disciples of Jesus Everywhere We Go”.

New Business: Development of a timeline was discussed. There have been questions as to what exactly this means. Counts will be taken in October at both sites for three weekends in October. These numbers will be published in the bulletin. The mass schedule will remain as is until it has been determined, based on the counts if mass schedule changes are needed at either parish.

A timeline, beginning with November will be developed. This timeline will include information regarding count numbers, budget information, volunteer needs (Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, etc.) monthly expenses and it will be in a format that has a comparison of the two sites. Raw data will be added in for both sites and with having numbers available it will address the issue of what is needed to keep St. Angela open as a worship site.

In the future discussion regarding how many “at large” members there should be on the parish pastoral council will take place. At this time, however, it is the preference of Father Darrell that with the addition of the representatives from the commissions/committees, that the council is left as it is currently.

Closing prayer was offered by Father Darrell and the meeting was adjourned.

We will meet next on November 6, 2014 at 7:00PM in the St. Isaac Parish office basement.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Mahalak