

Pastoral Council Minutes
January 26, 2014
Parish Hall
DRAFT #1

Attendees: Jennifer Bovitz, Katie Conner, Rhee Fincher, Steve Givens, Martha Kearns, Jim Purcell, Fr. Jerry Ragan

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM with prayer. The minutes of the 11/20/2013 meeting were approved.

Parish Governance: Fr. Jerry introduced the topic of parish governance by presenting two documents for review and discussion, *Pastoral Council – Meetings and Relationships* and *Three Models of Parish Pastoral Councils* (by Mark Fischer) for the members to read in preparation for more in-depth discussion. The models, outlined in the document, are Council of Ministries (Pastoral Council coordinates parish committees), Comprehensive Planning Model (Council plans for parish to implement the diocesan-set agenda), and Pastoral Implementation Model (Council functions as an instrument of the pastor, serving a consultation role to help him make sound decisions). After discussion regarding membership and terms, the group suggested 3-year terms with an optional second term; members would only be eligible to serve a third consecutive term under exceptional circumstances. The group recommended that the parish commissions initiate and follow the same rotation pattern.

Commission Updates and Discussion

School Commission (Rhee Fincher, Chair)

- Update on MDO/nursery recommendations (turned over to Jimmy Carrick to assess and follow-up)
- Marketing committee – reach out to families that will be coming to Ft. Gordon as part of the Cyber Command expansion
 - Suggestions for people who might be good candidates to serve on a marketing committee for the Cyber Command or to make connections with appropriate individuals are:
 - Deacon Brian Goodman (high level civilian at Fr. Gordon)
 - Dr. Tony Ramage (active duty at DDEAMC)
 - Dr. Ziemba (lives on post, has had children at SMS)
- With expansion of membership on School Commission, include someone from St. Teresa's who has a child at SMS
- Check with Joe McBride about St. Teresa's website – still says to support Catholic education at IC and Aquinas (still does not mention SMS)

Community and Pastoral Care (Jennifer Bovitz, Chair)

- Jennifer met with the Commission last week; to understand the spectrum of the 38 (RIGHT NUMBER?) ministries under the Commission and their activities, the members have begun calling all ministry leaders to ask a standardized set of questions. They will develop further plans based on the results of the survey

Stewardship Commission (Steve Givens, Chair)

- Consider asking Msgr. Costigan to speak about history of stewardship (solo or panel)

- You-tube video introducing people to parish is being developed
- Catholic Stewardship Consultants (CSC) staff has taken over renewal process and Commission is now focusing on formation – this could be an opportunity for collaboration between School and Stewardship Commissions
- As part of their formation focus, the Commission is developing several discussion topics that deal with various aspects of stewardship formation with the goal of 3 topics annually, requiring that all school parents attend at least 1. Sample topics could include history of stewardship, stewardship in workplace, developing a stewardship way of life in the family
- Saints Abroad – Consider inviting the Mother Superior of the Order to speak at SMOTH

Strong Catholic Family Committee

- Wants to become involved in missionary service – faith in action. The outcome will be “Works of Mercy Saturday” on 3/22/2014. The Service Commission will be invited to become involved in program development which is expected to involve about 12 activities.

Parish Mission

- Focus this year will be aimed at a younger audience; Ennie Hickman (lay person) is involved with Steubenville initiatives and will be the primary speaker
- Dates: March 9-12, 2014
- Bishop Hartmayer will celebrate the closing Mass

Parish leadership meeting has been rescheduled to February 10, 2014 due to the inclement weather.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher
Recorder

Documents distributed:

Pastoral Council – Meetings and Relationships

Three Models of Parish Pastoral Councils (by Mark Fischer)

Parish Council and Commission members (Excel spreadsheet)

Minutes – Pastoral Council meeting 11/18/2013

The remainder of the Pastoral Council meetings for FY 2014 will be:

February 24

March 24

May 19

June 23