

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes
April 20, 2015
Parish Hall

Attendees: Fr. Jerry, Jennifer Bovitz, Katie Conner, Rhee Fincher, Brendan Fisher, Martha Kearns, Amy Markwalter, Eric McArdle

The meeting began at 5:34 with prayer and reading the parish mission statement.

Forming intentional disciples

- Fr. Jerry presented the concept of forming intentional parishes, a sequel to forming intentional disciples; our role as shepherds in daily life with children and others. He asked if the PC is supportive of the concept of intentional discipleship. After brief discussion, the suggestion was made to consider contacting the Catherine of Siena Institute to explore possibility. No final recommendation was made.

MDO response to expansion request

- Need data: Are there data indicating that there is a need to expand MDO? Are the parents of the MDO children members of SMOTH? Do MDO children subsequently matriculate at SMS? If a decision is made that there is a need to expand, that MDO is critical to fulfilling the SMOTH mission, and that expanding MDO is a strategic priority of the parish, tactical planning should begin to determine how to accommodate the needs. Regardless, Fr. Charlie's house is not suitable for expansion of MDO.
- Discussion expanded to include whether parish leadership is committed to becoming a parish of intentional disciples – related to fulfilling the parish mission. As an element of intentional discipleship, should we develop an accredited pre-K3 and pre-K4, possibly located at SMS?

Fr. Jerry's retirement housing

- Fr. Jerry would like to purchase his current condo (will discuss with bishop)

Scout Hut and continuation of the program

- If they are not disbanded, the Council recommends a contract of expectations to be fulfilled and by when

Columbarium

- Jim Purcell talked with Buzz Poteet and learned that cremation appears to be the trend of the future; less expensive than traditional burial
- Over last 5 years, ~25% of SMOTH burials consistently have been cremations; no clear trend (data presented)
- Finance Commission supportive; need some assessment of anticipated return on investment
- Consider possibility of incremental building of a columbarium
- Pastoral Council supportive of Fr. Jerry communicating with the bishop about the parish's interest in developing a columbarium

Upcoming dates

- Next PC Meeting 5/18 /2015

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher
Recorder