

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes
February 9, 2015
Parish Hall

Attendees: Fr. Jerry, Jennifer Bovitz, Katie Conner, Rhee Fincher, Brendan Fisher, Martha Kearns, Ken Maleck, Amy Markwalter, Eric McArdle, Walt Moore, Jim Purcell

Guests: Michael Lammers, Joan Purucker, John Scherer

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

Church Endowment - Deferred

Moving towards the Future – Celebrating 100 Years - John Scherer

- John reviewed important dates in the history of the parish (see “St Mary on the Hill Parish Centennial Celebration” document) to introduce discussion about where to we go from here
- Forming a planning committee and subcommittees
 - Suggested Honorary Chairs – Laura Cameron and Monsignor Brian Mulherin
 - Possible committee members – Alvin Blount, Marcy Wilhelmi, Ellen Hoffman, Amy Markwalter, John Scherer, Pia Hagler, Martha Kearns
- Need to identify theme (e.g., “Year of Faith” for centennial of Catholic schools)
- Potential activities to celebrate centennial
 - Consider establishing a new discipleship project in US or elsewhere
 - Consider a collaboration to reach out to those affected by fire (stimulated by importance of fire in development of SMOTH) – Marcy Wilhelmi works with the Doctors’ Hospital burn center
 - Record recollections of long-time parishioners (e.g., DVD)
 - Reviewed impressive array of speakers from 75th anniversary celebration

Strategic Planning

- MDO expansion/Youth needs/Adult Faith formation
 - Gina Crow would like to expand Mother’s Day Out, but the program is currently at capacity. General discussion included Gina’s suggestion of Fr. Charlie’s house, Fr. Jerry wondering if there is room at SMS and consideration of a joint program with Trinity
- Facilities strategic planning
 - Need a subcommittee to make recommendations: Eric McArdle, Brendan Fisher, Rhee Fincher, Joan Purucker (Jimmy Carrick, consultant) will begin the process and be prepared to discuss current facility use at the next meeting (Eric agreed to organize meeting of the subcommittee) The initial charge is:
 - Assess what we do now and identify needs for current programs
 - Discuss and make recommendations to Pastoral Council about programming: adult and children’s education; identify strengths to build on
 - Should we consider another building campaign?
 - Observation: Annunciation House could be a money pit
 - Need to know the cost of restoring building

- Sunday morning men's prayer group has volunteered to work on the house as part of its prayer activities, but need an overall plan, predicated on what we do/will use it for
- Currently used by: Youth, young adults, Family Promise
- Problems include:
 - Roof leaking
 - Plaster in poor shape
- Is Scout Hut worth saving?
 - Probably not salvageable except for activities like Scouts; they need a dedicated space
- Fr. Charlie's house

Announcements

- Will be a Catholic chaplain at GRU through May; he may be followed by a more permanent chaplain
- Columbarium plans will be presented by Atlanta group – Jimmy has communicated with Paul Knot about space and construction plans

Forming intentional Disciples – Chapters # 1 and 2 – Discussion ideas included:

- Link centennial celebration with intentional discipleship
- Strong programs already in place: Eucharistic adoration, stewardship
- Two goals will be to:
 - Help people move to next level from wherever they are
 - Reach into the community

Upcoming Dates

- Parish Mission 3/1-4
- Next PC Meeting 3/30

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher
Recorder