

SMOTH Pastoral Council Minutes
6/22/2015

Present: Fr. Jerry, Katie Conner, Rhee Fincher, Brendan Fisher, Martha Kearns, Walt Moore

Excused: Jennifer Bovitz, Ken Maleck, Amy Markwalter, Eric McArdle, Jim Purcell

Guest: Jimmy Carrick

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Jerry at 5:39 PM and began with reading of the Gospel for next Sunday.

Scout Hut: The Council and Jimmy Carrick reviewed the draft agreement and task spreadsheet. After brief discussion and minor wording suggestions, the group endorsed the documents by consensus.

- The next steps
 - Rhee will create a “final” draft and circulate it to all members of the Council for final review and endorsement (a request will accompany the final version asking for each member to endorse (or not) the final document), and address issues if needed.
 - Once all Council members have endorsed the documents, Rhee and Brendan Fisher will meet with the Scout leaders
 - Chad Sweeney, Scout Master 706-736-3366 chadsween@gmail.com
 - John Lint, Assistant Scout Master 803-442-3008 jrlint@comcast.net
 - John Nechtman, Committee Member 706-738-5099 jnechtman@knology.net
 - Sean Burke (Martha: Need role with Scouts and contact info please)
 - The final documents will be signed by the president of the Pastoral Council (Jim Purcell) and Scout Master (Chad Sweeney) on behalf of the Pastoral Council and Boy Scout Troop #8
 - Jimmy Carrick has already begun working on the parish responsibilities and will proceed as time permits.

Commission Structure: Fr. Jerry framed the discussion by suggesting that the Commission structure is not currently working well and needs to be improved if the parish will continue this form of governance. See 2015 ministry catalogue for a list of Commissions, chairs, and members.

Fr. Jerry asked the Council members assigned to the various Commissions to:

- Contact the chair to see if she/he wants to step aside or is willing to serve another year and ask those chairs who are willing to stay to provide the parish office with a revised membership list by 8/8/2015 of those who will serve on the Commission during 2015-2016. The Pastoral Council should provide suggestions for Commission membership if asked.
 - DEADLINE to let Fr. Jerry know if a Commission chair wants to step down: 7/10/2015.
- Empower the Chairs to take on an active leadership role. If the Commission is not functioning well, try to identify obstacles to being more active. Clarifying the purpose of the Commission and/or identifying new members may help in some instances
- Let the chairs know that each commission should set one or two goals to accomplish each year, guided by the parish mission and pastoral focus.

Brief discussion of some of the Commissions followed

- School

- Steve Hagler, chair, will continue. Commission felt to be functioning well.
 - PC rep: Rhee Fincher
- Finance
 - Bill Cashin, chair
 - PC rep: Jim Purcell
- Stewardship
 - Charles Whatley will replace Steve Givens as chair; Steve will remain on Commission
 - PC rep: Brendan Fisher
 - Possible new members: Family with young children - Scott Rhodes, an older couple
 - Focus: Stewardship as a way of life is foundational to the material and spiritual well-being of our faith community. 2015-2016 goals:
 - Ongoing Formation starting with producing a You Tube Video as an intro to stewardship at SMOTH
 - Work with CSC on the Annual Renewal; identify will give the Witness Talk
 - Work with Leigh McCormick on an appreciation event in winter
 - Work with staff on intentional discipleship/ministry fair
- Faith Formation
 - Chair: Deacon Ken Maleck
 - PC reps: Katie Conner and Jennifer Bovitz
 - Focus: Forming intentional disciples
- Worship
 - Chair: Alvin Blount
 - PC rep: Deacon Tony Wagner
- Community and Pastoral Care
 - Chair: Jennifer Bovitz
 - PC rep: Jennifer Bovitz
 - Question: Very disparate ministries; if Commission structure continued, consider splitting
- Service Commission (Social outreach; making Gospel concrete)
 - Chair: Rich Dimenna
 - PC rep: Walt Moore
 - Suggested new members: Pete Ferrell and Donna Adams

Forming Intentional Disciples: Fr. Jerry shared his desire to spend a substantial amount of his time on forming Intentional Disciples at SMOTH, both as pastor and post-pastorate. His long-term goal is to develop ADIOS, the Augusta Deanery Institute of Spirituality, whose mission could be forming Intentional Disciples. As a first step, he will form a Spirit Renewal Team this fall. Fr. Jerry will ask Deacon Mark A. Cesnik, OP from the Catherine of Siena Institute to lead the SMOTH Lenten mission in 2016. He expects Deacon Mark will give us to provide useful guidance Forming Intentional Disciples.

Next PC 8/17/2015. Invite Rich Dimenna as the Service Commission will be the focus of the next meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:36.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher
Recorder