

Pastoral Council Meeting Notes May 18, 2015

Council Member Attendees: Fr. Jerry, Jennifer Bovitz, Katie Connor, Brenda Fisher, Martha Kearns, Ken Maleck, Eric McArdle, Amy Markwalter, Walter Moore, Jim Purcell

Guest Attendees: Jimmy Carrick, Seminarian Bobby Phillips, and Boy Scout Troop Leadership

The meeting began at 5:32 with the “First Fifteen” which included reflection on John 20:19-23 and the importance of forgiveness in the world.

Father Jerry began the meeting by introducing Bobby Phillips

1. Facilities Planning

- Fr. Jerry referred to the memo he drafted and shared regarding his thoughts on next steps for facilities planning with Jimmy Carrick in attendance to provide support.
- Fr. Jerry then introduced the Scout Leadership who shared highlights of their powerpoint presentation (which they handed out to PC members) regarding all the good work that the troop has done. They also requested reconsideration of their ability to use the “Scout Hut” on an ongoing basis.
- In later discussion on this topic, the Council suggested the following:
 - the Facilities Sub-Committee look at next steps with the Boy Scout Leadership group (possibly with some support from Jim Purcell) in the form of some type of contract with clear expectations on maintenance of the facilities (request that Jim Carrick provide a complete list of all that needs to be accomplished)
 - the grounds/exterior of the Scout Hut be maintained directly by the Church so that there is a set standard in place for all church property
 - October 31st be set as a check date on the progress the Scouts have made against the renewed expectations set by the Subcommittee (in preparation for renewal of the Troop’s charter in January 2016)

2. Pew Survey on Religious Affiliation

- See the meeting’s agenda sheet for specific top lines coming out of the survey
- Fr. Jerry shared his view that Intentional Discipleship is a key lever in addressing the findings in the data.

3. Forming Intentional Disciples

- See the meeting’s agenda sheet for Fr. Jerry’s summary comments regarding this potential initiative
- Fr. Jerry would like us to share our “God story” as a first step in moving forward with Intentional Discipleship (*see last paragraph for this item on the agenda sheet*)

Key Upcoming Dates:

*June 18, 2015 – Mass for Persecuted Christians
at St. Teresa of Avila at 7 PM*

June 22, 2015 – Pastoral Council Meeting at 5 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Bovitz
Meeting scribe