

HOLY FAMILY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 15, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: FATHER ANDY, DEACON TOM, SEAN BURKE, FRANKLIN DAILY, ANN DOWLING, LORETTA HARING, RICK HESS, MAUREEN WILLIAMS LASKI, JOHN MANTINI, MARY ANN SABO, JACK WEAVER, MAUREEN KONSCHNIK

Rick Hess called the meeting to order at 7:30 and asked Father Andy to lead a prayer.

- September minutes accepted as submitted
- Donna Wardrup has resigned as recording secretary effective immediately. Since she just informed Rick Hess of this the morning of the council meeting he had not had the opportunity to clarify whether we need both this position and an Executive Secretary position. There was some discussion, with Loretta Haring giving the historic perspective that at one time this was a single position. Since taking minutes has proven to be an issue for some potential candidates for Exec Secretary, Father Andy will discuss this with staff and see if anyone would be interested in taking minute notes
- Since the elected Executive Secretary, Mary Ann Jenson, cannot continue to act in this position, Rick asked for nominations for this position. Ann Dowling is willing to serve and all voted in favor of electing her to this position.
- A Religious Education Pillar head still needs to be identified.

Pastors Report

- Father Andy and Mike McDonald are continuing to focus on the young adult ministry with two events planned in October for singles and couples 19 to 35 years of age. Father Andy has contacted anyone baptized or confirmed in the parish who is in this age group. The events will have music, a video used as a discussion starter on a faith topic and an opportunity for the group to begin to plan their own activities. Father Andy would like to see a young adult group in the "Discovering Christ" program next Lent.
- Rick Hess asked about council participation and Father Andy suggested considering acting as mentor couples to the young married couples in the parish. Mary Ann Sabo said there was some interest in this in the Marriage Encounter group.
- Chapel ramp update – a permit was issued but then the county requested additional changes to the plan, including wooden railings. Holy Family has responded with evidence that the chapel always had wrought iron railings.
- A third initiative, the welcome table, will be addressed after the Christmas holy days.
- In response to questions on information coming from the Papal meeting on family issues, Father Andy said that he sees this as an ongoing discussion, but not as a change in Church teaching.

Pillar Reports

- Maureen Williams reported on the sew time ministry and on the array of clothing and baby items made this month. The group, which is self-supporting, plans another sale before

Christmas. Several council members asked if the group needs additional support and other than that the group decided that recognition would be appropriate.

- Loretta reminded the council that the New Parishioner Welcome Lunch will be on October 19 at noon and that this is a good opportunity for Pastoral Council members to meet new people.
- Finance report included the AOB web report for the fye 6/30/2014, an update on offertory which is running at plan for the first quarter and an explanation of other income (second collection, old capital campaign and EOM and archdiocesan rebate) as well as other expense (interest on the mortgage and capital improvements). Father Andy plans a stewardship Sunday for the second weekend of November and the updated annual report will be on the web site before that date.

Conferences

- The Church of the Nativity in Timonium will hold a "Matter " conference on 11/6 and 11/7 and the parish will cover the cost of enrollment for any council or staff members who wish to attend. Rick will handle the registration.
- A Mid Atlantic Catholic Conference (MAC) will be held in March and Father Andy encouraged participation in that as well.

Other Thoughts on Young Parishioner Focus

- Franklin suggested a bowling night with Christian music
- Ryan suggested a focus for the couples group on meeting other couples and also suggested planning something around the Homestead Christmas tree illumination (Nov 15 6 to 6:30)
- Several members suggested outlining service opportunities in the parish – Winter Relief sign ups perhaps?
- Mary Ann Sabo told the group about the 2 mile historic walk through Annapolis planned as an ALS fundraiser.
- Jack Weaver suggested a Halloween theme....Father Andy prefers keeping the group informal until it identifies its own leadership group that can take ownership of subsequent events.

Good of the Order

- It has been observed that children are being left unattended in the café area....the group discussed the need for a sign requesting the children should not be unattended/unsupervised in the café area for safety reasons.
- Some parishioners have suggested a rug for the café area.....Loretta explained why the planning committee decided not to do that and the group agreed.

Deacon Tom ended the meeting with a prayer.