

St. Paul the Apostle Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 18, 2019

Attendees: Fr. Yamid Blanco, Alison Donovan, Rick Peltier, Steve Morelli, Jack Johnston, Randy Schlicht, Diane Ingalsbe, Kim Leslie, Kristina Knesting, Evelyn Blome. Joan Walter and Tony Noll were excused

Opening Prayer

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Fr. Yamid's Report:

Father reported that the Multi-Parish Ministry meeting which was scheduled for February was postponed until March. Going forward the Multi-Parish meetings will be held at the individual parishes. Father commented on Mark Kemmeter's Foxconn presentation on February 4th. Father's main take aways were that we need to grow our parish by being more welcoming, providing good music and delivering good homilies, whether it's related to Foxconn growth potential or not. Father also wants to increase youth involvement in the Liturgy by having youth Lectors, Eucharist Ministers etc. Father also expressed his desire to welcome and meet more people. He said we should look into upgrading our technology, including the sound system and adding bigger and more screens. It was also suggested that we add newer pictures to the website and possibly sending weekly emails about Baptisms, New Member Registrations, etc.

Alison Donovan: Alison recapped Tony Noll's summation of the Drug Presentation outcome. I am attaching the Evangelization Committees recap of their promotional efforts for the event. Alison gave a brief overview of the Siena Facilities Summit held at St. Lucy's on February 6th. She also gave a recap on the Pastoral Council and Finance Council Congress on Feb. 2nd at the Archdiocese. Alison attended with Cathy Loesser (Chair of St. Paul Finance Council. The event included voting on new norms for both Pastoral and Finance Councils. A portion of the event had Pastoral and Finance separating to their individual programs. The Pastoral portion had a review of Amazing Parish. Then multiple presenters, including Fr. Anthony Zimmer from St. Anthony's on the Lake, Michael Irwin from St. Catherine's and Auxiliary Bishop Jeffery Haines. The Multi Parish Ministry Meeting is Thursday afternoon, March 21st at St. Paul with Randy Nohl from the Arch facilitating. In discussing how to be a more welcoming parish, Alison suggested that the office should be open over the weekend during services. Kim Leslie also thought that would be a good idea as well. In the interest of safety and security, it was agreed that there would need to be a volunteer in the office before, during and after services. Along those same lines, it was mentioned that the nursery was not being used and that room could be used for better things.

Committee Minutes Update: Evelyn Blome stated that the Knights of Columbus have expressed a willingness to contribute to the safety barriers at St. Paul. (Safety and Security are still working on the details) They have also expressed their willingness to help out if St. Paul decides to do a pancake breakfast or hold a spaghetti dinner.

Closing Prayer: Fr. Yamid

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Johnston