

St. Dominic Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

17 November 2016

Present: Fr. Dave Reith, Michael Ricci, Jodee Tlachac, Meg Siehr, Nora DeLise, Mark Otten, Fr. John Gibson, Meg Anderson, Jim Palzewicz, Mike Klinker

Excused: Jerry Buting, Mark Gundrum, Mario Montalbo, Jeff Sladky

1. Opening Prayer: Jodee Tlachac
2. YAC Update: Mike Klinker
 - a. Committee consists of Mike Klinker, Chris Norton, Rachel Reit, Kevin Roidt, John Von Rueden, Liz Conway, Fr. John Gibson, Sarah Daszczuk, and Debbie Olla.
 - b. Throughout the calendar year, YAC has focused on the “urgent” or time-sensitive needs.
 - c. They are currently reading the book *Rebuilt* for Youth Ministry.
 - d. D-3 Discipleship Groups: if these prove successful, there will be an adult recruitment process. They are comprised of 1 adult and 3 youth; they are single gender. They meet 2 times per month, off-site for a 1-hour meeting. Their focus is very intentional. There were 2 Pilot groups created in 2016.
 - e. Mission Trips: A deficiency is that it was expensive (and if time is spent fundraising, there are missed opportunities to engage the youth in other things). Alternative created: “Alive in You” for older youth and “Love Begins Here” for the younger participants.
 - i. “Love Begins Here” began in Madison and is looking to establish an outpost in the Milwaukee diocese.
 - f. The Core Team is comprised of Melissa and Brian Magliocco, Patrick Donohue, Rachel Reit, Page Siehr, Caroline Klinker, and Michelle Minnesalle.
 - i. The Core Team meets, studies, and prays to make a strategic plan for youth ministry. They meet 2 times per month.
 - ii. Their cycle is “reach, call, form, and send.” They consider how all of the ideas fit into this cycle.
 - g. Catechist Recruitment and Retention: Working to make it a year-round activity, not a phone call, but a process.
 - i. Ongoing dialogue with candidates to remove obstacles to saying “yes.”
 1. Youth Ministry Open House March 2017.
 2. Goal of New website February 2017.
 3. YAC is trying to cultivate a group of people over the course of the year to orchestrate events for those interested – to shadow, attend an open house, etc., so that they have the opportunity to discern and discuss – have it be a recruitment and retention effort rather

than a metaphoric fire drill at the end of the summer and random cold calls in the Fall. The hope is that there are consequently more catechists for 2017.

- h. Telephone calls to parents of youth (7th-9th grade) not in our programs, based on info in Parish database: trying to understand why they have decided not to enroll.
 - i. Debbie Olla makes calls.
 - ii. 2/3 of the eligible youth of the parish participate in the formal youth programs (7th, 8th, and 9th grades).
 - iii. No trends identified yet.
 - iv. Michael Ricci asked whether these calls were couched in an invitation to an event or a question as to why children are not participating, to which Michael Klinker said he will inquire the way these calls are framed.
 - i. The 2 D-3 groups consist of female youth.
 - i. Nora suggested that male youth might be more receptive to taking part if they had participated in a retreat, for example, and have gotten over the hurdle of sharing their faith.
 - ii. Michael Klinker speculates that this will be a 6-month process, so they should be wrapping up in Spring of 2017; they would like to have a call out by Summer 2017 to start for Fall 2017.
 - iii. Michael Ricci was interested in target audience, and Michael Klinker responded that it is high school, namely 10th and 11th graders.
 - iv. Jodee made point that it is quite crucial that both genders are represented.
 - v. Meg Siehr asked what happens to the inventories/surveys that the Confirmation students take.
 - vi. Father John commented that it is difficult to find leaders for groups of young men.
 - j. Father Dave would like that Michael Klinker return at the February meeting for a follow-up and also if we could follow up with the kids after their 11th grade Confirmation: they are still here...what are we doing to further engage them?
 - k. Pastoral Council approved of YAC Mission Statement by consensus.
3. Review October Minutes
- a. Minutes approved by consensus
4. Pastoral Council Planning
- a. Convocation Video
 - i. Positive Response
 - ii. Meg Siehr appreciated that it reinforced the point that the work of the Synod is still alive.
 - iii. Jim commented on the idea of the Guided Prayer Cards – an idea for the council is Accountability Buddies to ensure that we are sticking to it.
 - b. Role of Pastoral Council Liaison
 - 1. Father Dave commented that the primary goal is to serve as ambassadors, the visionary committee. I.e., as council members, we are to say, “I’m here to listen, to bring back to the council

anything you want to tell them, etc.” The council member is also to affirm what they are doing.

2. Michael Ricci reminded us that, from a Finance Committee’s perspective, council members’ jobs as liaisons is to ask commissions what kind of budget they need to reach their visions.
- c. Parish Council Retreat and Goals – next steps
 - i. Formation: Meg Anderson introduced the Formation Commission’s Advent Experience and asked for Pastoral Council involvement.
 1. Positive and eager response to participate.
 - ii. Prayer and Worship Committee: Have not met yet.
 - iii. Human Concerns: Working on activity write-up, talked about budget needs and income opportunity; there will be an envelope included in bulletin.
5. Chair Comments
 - a. Deanery Meeting
 - i. Local Parish’s Efforts:
 1. SJV: Family Formation Program
 2. St. Mary’s Menomonee Falls: Fr. Burns’ “Catholicism 101”
 3. St. Joe’s Tosa: Marketing
 4. St. Dominic: Stewardship Month “We Believe”
 - ii. “Create in Me a Clean Heart”: Archbishop invites discussion of the dangers of pornography and the Church’s response and call to action.
 1. Discussion of how to discuss as a parish
 2. Meg Anderson will contact Formation commission to discuss response and efforts.
 - iii. Big Data Parish Leadership Conference 2/17
 - iv. Christmas Masses
 1. Will need 2 Family Greeters and a Welcome Speaker by 12/15
 - v. Lenten Day of Retreat: Items to Consider
 1. Format
 2. Who will lead
 3. Where to hold it
 4. At one point during Lent
6. Pastor’s Comments
 - a. Jim has been instituted as an Acolyte, and Kurt is beginning the deaconate program.
 - b. On December 3rd, Nick Baumgartner will be installed in the same ministry of Acolyte.
 - c. College Care Boxes
 - i. Meg Siehr is chairing.
 - ii. Letters will accompany the care box
 - d. Father Dave and Father John will be attending the Archbishop’s Catholic School Dinner on February 9th.

- e. We need 42 new albs; they are past the point of repair. They cost \$150 each, and we need sponsors.
 - f. St. Andrew's Dinner: Annual Dinner that provides the opportunity to discuss vocation/discernment; Father John and Father Dave will attend. They are in the process of asking who is interested – looking at a table of 6-8.
 - g. Archbishop has a plan to expand in certain areas where we had to cut back because of bankruptcy; 2 of the top priorities that emerged in the Synod were the need to “Support, Train, and Form” qualified lay ecclesial ministers. Susan McNeil will serve as Director of this newly established Office for Lay Ministry beginning January 1.
 - h. Successful Rectory Trick or Treat
 - i. Great response to the remains burial invitation: important that people consider cremated remains with the same respect as offered in a Christian burial.
 - j. Paul has created an Advent Order of Worship
 - k. Archbishop's Annual Vatican II Awards were November 10th, and Father Dave received his award.
7. Closing Prayer: Jodee Tlachac

Meeting concluded at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Anderson