

The Pastoral Advisory Council (PAC) of St. Luke Church

Tuesday, October 25, 2011

Meeting Minutes

Opening Prayer: PAC jointly recited Parish Mission Statement

Review & Approval of 9/20/11 meeting minutes

Chairman's Update & Pastor's Update (Combined)---Jeff Ford & Monsignor Andy Varga:

- Diocese's Audit
 - The accounting firm selected by the diocese laid out their findings in a structured, professional manner.
 - The audit confirmed that Saint Luke Parish business processes are running smoothly and there are only minor opportunities for refinement/improvement.
- Fr. Rene's Departure
 - Many, including Msgr. Andy and Jeff, have reached out to Bishop Lori in support of Rene staying at Saint Luke's; however, it is apparently not meant to be.
 - Assigning a new priest is a "high priority" for the diocesan leader responsible for clergy personnel assignments.

Finance Council Update---Carl Liba:

- As of right now, we are about even with last year, despite the hurricane weekend. (Collections and attendance were extremely low that weekend.)
- The Bank called in loan for the Gathering Space and the roof of Community Room roof is leaking.
- We have already received \$64K in pledges. We need to pay the remaining balance of the loan and cover the cost of repairing the roof.

SLY (St. Luke Youth) Update---David Katter & Jill Toner:

- David and Jill provided an update on upcoming events.

PAC Membership---Jeff Ford for John Krubski:

- Allie Krubski will not be able to be a member of the Pastoral Advisory Council due to time commitments.
- We now need a new member, preferably in their 20's or 30's.
- John Krubski is actively searching for a replacement.

PAC as "eyes, ears and mouthpiece of pastor"---Monsignor Andy Varga:

- Msgr. Andy asked whether people come to us to suggest things, etc.
- Msgr. Andy encouraged PAC members to relay questions, suggestions and concerns to Andy and to convey what the PAC is striving to do to parishioners.
- The PAC concluded that we need to be more visible and available to fellow parishioners.

- Monthly coffees would be a great opportunity for the PAC to appear at
 - First or Third Sunday
 - David will send out a Doodle checking availability of people at the coffees.

Cell Phones---Jeff Ford:

- Should there be an announcement at the beginning of Mass?
- Up on monitors in church and gathering space?
- Most of the noise is made by cell phones going off in pockets, not by people actively talking on the phone
- Conclusion: At the beginning of Mass, lectors will include a gentle reminder, written by Msgr. Andy, to turn off phones.

Parish Gatherings---Pat Del Bello:

- One gathering is scheduled for November.
- Jose Vega agreed to host one.

Parish Website---Max Moran:

- Max will get in touch with Msgr. Andy about tweaking the existing site.

Parish Directory---All (Ron Wayne was not present):

- There was a passion about the directory— communicating about existing ministries.
- It was decided that a sheet in the bulletin describing various ministries would be a good idea.
 - Sheet would simply need ministry name, contact information, etc.
 - "Gifts for soldiers" at picnic was effective because it was in everybody's view and it had both people and literature.
- Maybe we can feature a given ministry in a given month.
- Ron Wayne agreed to lead this effort during our September meeting.

Parish Social Activities and Fundraising--- Pat Del Bello:

- The Gala is cancelled.
- Will have a Christmas party with raffle instead.
 - More tickets need to be sold for this.
- In response to a question from Pat Del Bello, Msgr. Andy indicated that a car raffle would be an acceptable fundraiser in the future. Msgr. Andy observed that a significant number of tickets would need to be sold in order for a car raffle to work out financially.

Closing Prayer: The PAC jointly recited the Prayer for St. Luke Parish

Respectfully submitted,

David Katter