



ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PASTORATE PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Notes from January 5, 2021

In Attendance

Stephany Ander, Alex Andrews, Arlene Bowyer, Theresa Boyer, Carmel Brand, Juan Campos, Scott Laird, Tomacita Perez, Kathy Perry, Mark Scheller

Ex officio... Fr. Paul Cochran, Fr. Dan Duff, Mario Delgado, Shannon Peycha

Prayer

Mario led the council in prayer.

Council Overview

Fr. Paul gave a brief overview of the Pastorate Council. Communication and sharing of ideas within this council is important. The council is a consultation group for the pastor. Two years of service on the council is requested. It is very important for council members to listen to parishioners for needs, ideas, etc.

Introductions of Members

Each member introduced themselves, including the number of years in their parish and the various ministries they are involved with within their parish.

Strategic Planning Process

Strategic planning is very important with this council and includes planning in three-year cycles per the diocese. A questionnaire will be sent out to all parishioners in the spring to assist in developing a strategic plan. Ideas were discussed on various ways to distribute the questionnaire to all parishioners and how to assist parishioners in completing the questionnaire if needed.

Letter to Parishioners in Frankfort

A draft of a letter was distributed to the council that will be sent to parishioners of St. Mary, Frankfort. Two items were discussed in the letter.

The first is the need to remove one Mass on the weekend. A spreadsheet and graph were distributed representing the pew census from the past ten years for all Masses.

The second is the need for additional office space, proposing the use of Gruber Hall for the parish offices and moving all activities to Muller Hall and JPIL.

Ideas and suggestions for each of the above items were discussed. Feedback was also given to better explain these items in the letter, so parishioners understand more clearly.

Music in Lebanon

It has been brought to Fr. Paul's attention that there is a desire for more contemporary, youthful music during Mass. Some suggestions included having this music at a weekday Mass or once a month during one of the Sunday morning Masses, having a weekly "Prayer & Praise" night, etc.

Other Issues

No other issues were discussed.

Next Pastorate Council Meeting

February 2, 2021 at 7:00 pm

St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph Parish Hall, Lebanon