

St. Andrew by the Bay
Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting Monday March 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Gallagher at 7:00 PM. The attendees were Terry George, Victor Puglisi, Lisa Kennedy, Ben Mullaly, Kamal Kardosh, Tim Feist, Chuck Kennedy, Glenn McKnab, Chris Figueras, Chris Cook, and Father Jeff Dauses. Susan Baum was absent.

The opening prayer, Lectio Divina – Sacred Reading – John 2: 13-25.

Lisa Franceschini

Lisa, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, spoke to brief the council on her activities and events she performs for the parish in her first year in this position. Lisa coordinates the Youth Ministry between the grades 6-12 for Prep and Youth Ministry. She has revised the Prep program and has seen great success in getting the kids involved and active.

The basic structure of their Prep/Youth Ministry meeting is to have all of the kids as a group in the upper hall. They will have community building exercises, Best/Worst part of day, Jesus Sightings, Witness Talk which all involve the individuals sharing feelings and experiences with the group. Then the group will go over the “Lesson of the Evening” led by Lisa before the large group is broken out into many smaller groups with Peer Ministers from the High School.

There are many youth activities the group has taken part in and to name a few: New York City trip, Awakening Festival, Men in Black, Monster Mash, Catechist retreat, Parents Night Out babysitting, College Care packages, Social Parties, Rally for Life, Lock-In’s, Snow Tubing, Baltimore Pilgrimage, College visits, Graduating Senior’s Banquets, Work Camp, Summer Madness, Youth Mass.

Lisa has taken the Confirmation requirements and broken out the service aspect into 4 categories. The youth must provide service to the Parish, the poor, the community, and the elderly.

Father Jeff’s Update

Archdiocesan Parish Planning Efforts

The planning efforts are still in a data gathering stage since Cardinal O’Brien has departed as Archbishop of Baltimore. Until his replacement is named, the planning effort will remain in the data gathering stage.

Bishop Rozanski’s Visit

Bishop Rozanski’s visit to the parish was not related to the audit but more to ensure the parish is still in good health and working towards its mission.

Mid-Atlantic Conference for Pastoral Leaders

For anyone interested there is a conference for Pastoral Leaders taking place this week (3/8-3/10) at the Baltimore Hilton Hotel. More information can be found at the following website <https://www.midatlanticcongress.org/index.php>

Audit Ready

The Parish is ready for the audit and is in full STAND and Financial compliance.

Winter Relief 2012

The new Winter Shelter dates have been announced and SABB will be a shelter for men only from 12/24 to 12/31

Old Business-

Parish Website

The parish website is still a work in progress with continual ideas and efforts being made to improve the site. Some of the items that are being worked or ideas suggested are:

- Adding on-line registration for new parishioners and for various events and ministries
- Website demo during a Donut Sunday
- Update in the bulletin promoting the website
- Adding the website address to the electronic sign
- Creating a smart-phone application

Parishioner Directory

The software our parish office uses does not have the automatic capability to create a parish directory with pictures. If a directory were to be created, whether it be on-line or a printed copy, the parish would need to get permission from every family prior to publishing their contact information.

Welcoming Process

Glen spoke of his work and review he has done on our parish's Welcoming process and some comparisons to other places. The Welcoming process has recently been redone by Kathy Beard to make it more streamlined and get the new members linked into the parish's web of communication. Possible improvements that could be done as suggested by Glen were the following:

- Photos during the new member brunch
- Follow-ups to new members after they have settled in to the parish
- The feasibility of having valet parking for the disabled
- Producing polo shirts with SABB's logo for visibility and unity at external events

Chris F and Kamal have offered to assist Glen with other Welcoming brainstorming for new ideas.

Reverse Engineer Successful Ministries

Tim spoke about the work and review he has done in communicating to some of the ministries in our parish that are successful. He has meetings lined up with Youth ministry, Walking with Purpose to name a few. He is looking into how frequency can help make a ministry more successful.

Chris F and Ben have offered to assist Tim with other meetings with the ministries to get some ideas as to what it means for a ministry to be successful and why.

New Business –

Parish Honors Program

Loaves and Fishes and the Salt of the Earth/Light of the World awards will follow a different format next year and will be adding a fourth Loaves and Fishes award. In addition, the awarding of the honors will be selected by the Pastoral Council, in conjunction with the honorees of the prior year, and their review of the nominations from the parishioners. In addition to the nominations from the parish at large, we will also verbally canvass the leaders of the parish ministries for their suggestions. In keeping with the parish Mission Statement, the Loaves and Fishes will be awarded to an individual from each of the following areas: liturgy, education, service, and stewardship. The Salt of the Earth/Light of the World will still be for an individual that represents their efforts that are above and beyond one category.

Pastoral Council Seminar

Tim has formed a small committee with Glen, Terry, and Chuck stepping up to volunteer to put in their thoughts and efforts to organize this year's seminar. Currently the event is scheduled for Friday May 18th which may be conflicting with the Catholicism series and the lower hall. Timing of the event will be reviewed by the committee. The goal of this year's event is to BEGIN the process of establishing a 5-10 year parish plan for the future.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Mullaly

Important Dates

Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 24 March, 2012
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 2 April, 2012
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 28 April, 2012
Pastoral Council Elections – 5 and 6 May, 2012
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 7 May, 2012
Pastoral Council Seminar – Friday, 18 May and Saturday 19 May, 2012
Mass in the Grass Saturday, 26 May, 2012 at 5 PM
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 2 June, 2012
Parish Picnic – Sunday, 3 June, 2012
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 4 June, 2012
Start Time and Talent personal testimonies at each mass - Weekend of Aug 18/19th
Saturday and Sunday Ministry Fair - Weekend of Sep 8/9th
Annapolis by Starlight – Saturday, 15 September, 2012 Mariner's Bay, Annapolis
Time and Talent Sign-up - Weekend of Sep 15/16th
Ministry Pot-Luck – Friday, 28 September, 2012

COUNCIL MEET & GREET

Sunday, 1 April, 9:30 AM Mass
Sunday, 13 May, 11:30 AM Mass