

St. Andrew by the Bay
Minutes of the Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, July 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Gallagher at 7:00 PM.

The attendees were Father Jeff Dauses, Tom Gallagher, Chuck Kennedy, Chris Cook, Tim Feist, Chris Figueras, Terry George, Victor Puglisi, Lisa Kennedy, Susan Baum, Ben Mullaly. Glenn McKnab and Kamal Kardosh were not in attendance.

The opening prayer, Lectio Divina – Sacred Reading – Matthew 13:24-43 was led by Tim Feist.

Father Jeff

Welcoming:

Father Jeff is very excited to be our new pastor and is walking into a very strong parish with a great reputation among the diocese. He noted the strengths of this parish to be:

1. Great Liturgy
2. Strong Faith Formation
3. Good Stewardship of the Finances and Ministries
4. Outreach with sister parishes
5. Strong Staff

Father Jeff has made it a very strong point that he will not be making any changes to the parish during his first year unless it is a critical issue.

There are plans for Father to hold open discussions with the parishioners in the Fall after the Saturday and last Sunday mass to hear from the people on any open topics. The dates have not been set.

Parish Council Vision:

Ideally Father would envision the Parish Council to be the visionaries for the parish at large. The questions we should be asking and striving to do would be:

- What is our mission
- Do we accomplish that mission
- How can we do it better
- What is God asking from the community now

He also stressed he wants the Parish Council to be a sounding board to provide wisdom and guidance. He asked that we share our beliefs and ideas in being truthful and honest and let the Holy Spirit do its work.

Building Update:

The parish office had a flood due to the construction crew leaving a pipe open over a weekend in late June/early July. The damage caused by the flood is covered by insurance and the repair work includes new dry-wall/furniture in Father Jeff's office and new carpet and paint throughout the entire staff's office.

Currently the completion of the building is on-track to be completed prior to the start of Pre-School mid to late August.

Old Business-

Review of Time and Talent:

Starting on 8/20, we will have ministry personal testimonies for the Time and Talent volunteer drive at mass. This will go on for 4 weeks and will be organized by Zack leading up to the actual Time and Talent sign-up on 9/17-9/18. Terry made a point of adding a statement to the end of each testimony to qualify that if this ministry is not for you there are many more ministries you may be interested in. Tom will work with Terry and Zack for the wording and inclusion.

Ministry Fair will be held on Sunday 9/11 in conjunction with Donut Sunday. Tom will provide Ben with the latest Ministry POC lists for contact. Ben will be calling the Ministry Chairs for their involvement in the Ministry Fair on Sunday 9/11 to provide them an opportunity to promote their group and the activities they perform.

Time and Talent sign up forms are still in the works with updates to the format and content as provided by the Ministry heads. The new sign-up form needs to be completed by 9/1.

“Zack’s Ministry Retreat” – Zack has an idea for a plan to have a weekend retreat (Friday night social, half-day Saturday) for all new and returning Ministry members. Last year we had 389 individuals complete a Time and Talent sheet. As of yet, there is nothing planned and no date set for this event but the idea has it happening in early October.

New Business -

Photo Updates:

The Parish Council will be updating the member’s photo’s for display on the website in the narthex of the church. Please work with Susan to submit to here a photo and a brief list of ministries you participate in here at SABB.

Offertory Gift Sign-up:

Lisa came up with an idea to have a sign-up for individuals or families who would like to bring up the gifts at mass. This process will allow anyone to sign-up for the gift giving for a future mass. They must show up 10-15 minutes prior to that day’s mass in which they have scheduled to bring the gifts and check in with the ushers. If they do not arrive by the check-in time, the ushers will be obliged to continue their normal practice of asking individuals or families to bring up the gifts. Tom will present the idea to Zack.

Donut Sunday:

Tim suggested that, as an item for long-term consideration, we think of ways to “reinforce success” with the donut Sunday events. It’s already been noted that social events are declining,. So there’s a need to foster dense networks of social relationships within the

parish, from which new ministers – and possibly new ministry initiatives – could organically emerge. Donut Sunday is an exception to the trend of decline; if anything, it seems to be growing in popularity. The commitment level is low, and the prep/support requirements are minimal; the time is already in sync with Mass schedules, and people already lingering and mingling. Making this event even more attractive – and frequent – is something that deserves consideration after the Time and Talent initiative has matured.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Mullaly

Important Dates

Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 30 July, 2011
Pastoral Committee Meeting Monday, 1 August 2011
Start of Time and Talent Personal Testimonies at Mass – 20 and 21 August, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 10 September, 2011
Ministry Fair / Coffee and Donut Sunday – 11 September, 2011
Pastoral Council Meeting -- Monday, 12 September, 2011
Time and Talent Sign-up – 17, 18 September, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 24 September, 2011
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 3 October, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday 29 October, 2011
Sister Parish Covenant Mass and Potluck Saturday, 29 October, 2011
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 7 November, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 3 December, 2011
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 5 December, 2011
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 7 January, 2012
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 9 January, 2012
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 28 January, 2012
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 6 February, 2012
Executive Committee Meeting – Saturday, 25 February, 2012
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 5 March, 2012
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 Retreat – 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
Pastoral Council Meeting Monday, 4 June, 2012

COUNCIL MEET & GREET

Saturday, 1 October, 5 PM Mass

Sunday, 6 November, 8 AM Mass

Sunday, 4 December, 9:30 AM Mass

Sunday, 8 January, 11:30 AM Mass

Saturday, 4 February, 5 PM Mass

Sunday, 4 March, 8 AM Mass

Sunday, 1 April, 9:30 AM Mass

Sunday, 13 May, 11:30 AM Mass