

# Parishes on the Prairie

*Area Catholic Community*

## **Leadership Team – Meeting Minutes**

Sts. Peter & Paul – Elrosa

December 10, 2020 (Zoom)

- I. Welcome (Hospitality)
  - a. One thing we look forward to about Christmas
  - b. Attendance
    - i. Present- Tom, Fr. Greg, Janet, Gina, Aaron, Fr. Theis, Judy, Deb, Scott, Abby, Philip, Mary, Andy, Jim, Fr. Rick
    - ii. Absent- Shelia
  - c. Minutes
    - i. First motion- Aaron
    - ii. Second - Philip
  - d. Agenda
    - i. First- Jim
    - ii. Second-Philip
- II. Prayer
  - a. Memorare of Saint Joseph
- III. Business (Formation)
  - a. Go over new strategic goals (revamped)
    - i. Focus on Adult Faith formation
      1. Adults joining the young in their faith formation
      2. Catechesis after mass with Fr. Theis
        - a. Starting with the mass parts and why we do what we do and then maybe have a question box for parishioners.
    - ii. Summer Faith formation Opportunities
      1. Steubenville
      2. Mission trips

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3. Totus Tuus
4. VBS
- iii. How to develop communication in a broader way
- iv. Continue to learn about stewardship
- v. Youth Involvement
- vi. Outreach to Hispanic community and how to continue to develop it.
- vii. Community outreach
  1. Involve youth
  2. Elderly interactions
  3. Love for home bound parishioners
  4. Other people in the community needing help whether they are parishioners or not
- b. Stewardship committee report (Judy)
  - i. Stewardship survey report
    1. How do we continue to bring the 6 parishes together?
    2. Reviewed during meeting
      - a. People want to focus on music and homilies and have suggestions about it
      - b. 96% of people feel like HFS is a vital part of our mission
      - c. People feel there are more academic options at the other school and that's why they are not sending their child to HFS
      - d. 85% say the priest are responsive but they say office staff respond better

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- e. Best forms of communication – Bulletin, church mailings and announcements. Least affective- Facebook
  - f. 80% are involved in something for stewardship
  - g. Responses were diverse in finances but not very diverse in age.
  - h. More detailed survey on stewardship will come out in January
- c. By-laws
- i. Option is to invite a faith formation representative to ACC when there will be discussion they can contribute to.
  - ii. Add some high school members to the committee?
    - 1. Could be part of our subcommittee reaching out to them on nights. Go to religious ed and talk to many different youth.
    - 2. Subcommittee is now in charge of brainstorming to figure out how to involve the youth as much as possible.
  - iii. How big is too big when deciding how many members to add?
  - iv. Add business manager to team (nonvoting) as member
  - v. Terms
    - 1. Terms will be staggered over 3 years (will be talked about on January meeting)

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- vi. Parish finance councils and committees
  - 1. The only standing committee is the stewardship committee
- d. Business manager report from trustees
  - i. Review on your own with no other discussion
- IV. Action Items (Service)
  - a. Masses for Vocations
    - i. Waiting to hear about more restrictions from Governor Walz.
    - ii. Not having them until further notice. Next was supposed to be for Feb 4<sup>th</sup>. Will be discussed at the next meeting in January.
  - b. Update from HFS and public schools
    - i. How do we want to collaborate with our schools?
    - ii. Still working on navigating through distance learning the best way possible. Hopefully reopening before the public school does to see how that works.
    - iii. They have had some simple surveys for teachers and parents to help with the navigation.
  - c. Review successes of ACC team
    - i. Combined bulletin
    - ii. Having consistent priests for mass
    - iii. Priest rotation
    - iv. Communication between leadership groups with no shortage of ideas
    - v. Dissolving pastoral council
    - vi. Having a secretary
  - d. Replacement for Chris
    - i. Gina will go solo for a month or two but its time to start the process

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- ii. In January we will figure out how to stagger ourselves and then start to appoint someone for Chris' spot.
- e. Fun fact- It's the year of St. Joseph.
- V. Final closing
  - a. Patron Saint prayer of Plagues and infectious diseases – St Rocco
- VI. Next Meetings
  - a. January 14- Zoom
  - b. February 11- Centre for Christ
  - c. March 11- Centre for Christ
  - d. April 8- Centre for Christ