

Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday September 19, 2018

Attendance (P=Present, E=Excused and A=Absent)

Class of June 2019

Pam Dauby **P**

Kim Ellis **P**

Donatus Weobong **P**

Abbie Zastawny **P**

Class of June 2020

Kris Campbell **E**

Phil Lauder **P**

Jo Polk **E**

Jennifer Posey **E**

Class of June 2021

Bill Barber **P**

Sarah Lilly **P**

Elizabeth Stark **P**

Andrew Taylor **A**

Non-Voting Members

Father Marcotte **P**

Deacon John Thompson **P**

I. Call to Order

II. Prayer (Our Father)

III. Introductions of new members and guests

IV. Reactions to Father Marcotte's concerns regarding Mass attendance, Sunday/Holy Day Collections, Cost of School Ministry, Lack of School Family Involvement outside of the school ministry, and lack of grade school, middle school, high school, college aged and young adults at Mass.

-Is it possible that all of these are connected?

-What is the main cause?

-We aren't meeting young people where they are and unless we meet them where they are it won't work.

-Is there anything we can do to fight the trend?

-As a community how can we put young people in visible positions?

-There is a lack of trust in authority, we have to be genuine in giving young people power and a place at the table

-School commission submitted several proposals

-How do we get kids on the schedule for things at Mass? Their parents will be there for that.

-Should we put students on the parish council?

-Maybe we make one of the Masses a "Kids Mass", can there be a "Youth Mass"?

-Youth ministry at our parishes is currently failing

-We need to market it more

- Should we redo our staffing model?
- We need to invest resources in the proper places.
- Do we get a full-time youth minister? Would the cost be worth it?

V. Connected in the Spirit Goals

A. The Archdiocese gave us the following Ministry Goals to implement based on the Connected in the Spirit process.

1. Plan and implement vocation awareness programs including priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious, sacramental marriage and committed single life. Jointly plan opportunities for training in the diaconate and lay ministry.
2. Explore ways to increase the much-needed Hispanic ministry, including a Spanish Mass and by recognizing the gifts of the people from various cultural and ethnic backgrounds and reach out to meet their needs.
3. Plan and implement engaging, high quality programming for children and youth in each parish and Sacred Heart Catholic. This will promote evangelization as an essential aspect of the life and mission of the Church.
4. Develop and implement a training program for ongoing formation of council and commission members.
5. Take active steps to promote Sacred Heart Catholic and Providence High School.
6. Develop a 3 to 5 year strategic plan for the school by December 31, 2018.

B. Father remarked on his frustration in working with the Archdiocese and receiving goals that seem like they were copy and pasted from other work this consulting firm has done.

C. It is agreed that we will submit our parishes three-year plans that we are currently working on as well as the school's strategic plan.

VI. Concluding Prayer (Hail Mary)

NEXT MEETING: October 17th @ 6 pm @ Saint Catharine Hall