

Apple Valley Catholic Community
Minutes – Collaborative Parish Council
Thursday February 25, 2016

Present: Fr. Walter Woods, Fr. Paul Sughrue, Deacon Charlie Cornell, Steve Ryan, Jan Ketonen, JoAnn Witek, Diahne Goodwin, Paul McMahon

1. Opening Prayer: JoAnn Witek
2. Prayer for next meeting: Steve Ryan
3. Minute taker assignment (Paul McMahon)
4. Joy of the Gospel reflection paragraphs #56 - #60

5. Pastoral Plan:

-General status update: the plan is awaiting the Cardinal's approval. We have received very good feedback on the plan and only expect minor edits

- Communication and feedback

The Pastoral Plan has been publicly discussed on several occasions and referenced in the bulletins. It has been posted to parish websites for review. However, it is likely that most parishioners have not fully reviewed it. The proposal is to host two town meetings. Fr. W. suggested that the CPC take the lead with staff assistance on organizing the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a background for the plan, an overview of the plan and how it was developed, and invite questions and comments. Additionally, this meeting would be an opportunity to invite parishioner participation in the execution of the plan.

6. Prioritization of activities

Inherent to the Pastoral Plan will be a much needed prioritization of activities and re-allocation of all resources. While the parishes will not be "dropping everything we do today," prioritization of activities and changes to activities will need to occur.

7. Catholic Appeal

- Fr. W. reviewed the assessments for each parish and the fact that each parish will need to "write a check" for the gap between assessment and actual donations. St. I. assessment is about \$18,000 and St. E. is about \$52,000.

8. Confirmation 2017

- Numbers of students to be confirmed is falling YOY in both parishes.

2016: St. I 18-20 St. E. 65-70

2017: St. I. 10 St. E. 55-60

- The diocese has indicated that any parish with less than 15 candidates should combine with another parish for confirmation. At present, several proposals for combined confirmation programs are being evaluated.

9. 24 Hours for the Lord

- No news that already hasn't been communicated on several occasions.

10. Council Membership

- Joan Grund has resigned

- Council needs replenishment: Fr. W. would like the council to comprise members from each parish (5 adult and one high school from each parish). This total includes those of us who wish to remain on the council, but excludes the ex officio members. If anyone wishes to step aside at the beginning of the summer, please let Fr. W. know. We may encourage people we know to volunteer or submit suggestions to Fr. W.