

CPC Meeting Minutes April 7, 2016

Present: Fr. Walter, Fr. Paul, Janet Moroney, Jan Ketonen, JoAnn Witek, Deacon Charlie, Steve Ryan, Paul McMahon

1. Opening Prayer: Steve Ryan
2. Minutes of Last meeting (Paul); scribe for this meeting (Jan); prayer leader for next meeting (Paul).
3. General Updates
 - 24 Hours for the Lord was well received. Feedback:
 - Taize Prayer was so enjoyed that it has been scheduled again for April 8th.
 - Parishioners have expressed the desire to have something similar (maybe not including overnight hours) during Lent in the future.
 - The Sacrament of Reconciliation was received by people who would otherwise not have participated.
 - The Emmaus Walk, food pantries and Stations of the Cross were mentioned as rewarding experiences.
 - Town Meeting held on April 3: about 30 people attended including staff & planning team members; there was thoughtful dialog; logical questions were asked; people in attendance had read the plan.
 - Recommendations:
 - The planning team should meet to review the questions raised by parishioners and discuss next steps; some longer-term recommendations could emerge from this discussion.
 - The second Town Meeting should be mentioned at Masses this weekend. For those who cannot attend - it may be helpful to communicate a date by which feedback is needed in order for it to be considered before the plan is submitted for the Cardinal's approval.
 - It was noted that no issues were raised at the meeting re. implementation of the collaborative.
4. CPC - Update and Proposal
 - We have struggled to sustain membership. Numbers are not representative of the two parishes, especially St Isidore.
 - Per Vatican II the pastoral council was chartered to advise the pastor on matters of pastoral care. The need for the council has since evolved based on the extent of involvement by lay ministries.
 - Proposed:
 - Change the membership to include some with specific parish responsibilities along with a few at-large members.
 - Reduce the [overambitious] number of meetings per year to 4-5, possibly with sub-committees working on specific things.
 - It was recommended that we make available information for possible candidates as to what the CPC does and the time commitment for a member.
 - It may be helpful to set clear goals for the CPC - e.g. for a 3-month period.
 - The CPC will monitor the implementation of the pastoral plan.
 - Consider having CPC members update the parish on progress of the pastoral plan implementation - much like the Finance Council does periodically.
5. Other items for discussion - none.
6. Closing Prayer