

MEETING NOTES

Evangelization & Catechesis
Monthly Meeting: October 11, 2017
Chairman: Justin Bennett

Welcome / Opening

- Attendees: Pam Begovich, Justin Bennett, Brent Billman, Amy Brunner, Dave Brunsman, Zack Hinger, Kathleen Seda, Stacy Van Erp, Matt Volpenhein
- Each council/commission is rotating praying for other councils/commissions
 - Opened with Prayer, praying for the Parish Staff
- Guest Speaker (John Pucke) talked with us about Stephen Ministry.
 - **Action required:** John asked us for three things:
 - Be prayerful about becoming a Stephen Minister or helping to find more Stephen ministers.
 - Let our ministries know Stephen ministry is looking for more Stephen ministers (especially men).
 - If you know someone who is going through a rough spot, let them know about Stephen ministry.
- Reflection – Divine Renovation, Chapter 3 (Brent Billman)
- Parish and Commission Statements (Justin Bennett)

Pastoral Associate Update (Zack Hinger)

- Catholic-Lutheran Discussion
 - Roughly 100 people attended Tuesday's meeting at St. Susanna. The next meeting is Thursday, October 19 at Christ the King Lutheran on Dimmick Rd. We host on Saturday, October 21 – the meeting begins with a prayer service in the sanctuary and concludes in the gym.
- Website Update
 - The new website is up. If you recognize anything that is missing or doesn't work, let Sarah Merkel know.
- Job Descriptions
 - Taking longer than expected due to formatting issues. Should be done within the next week
- Adult Faith and Family Formation
 - Briefly discussed an ongoing effort to create a team that focuses on adult catechesis.
- Epiphany
 - We are shifting our effort to invite people to Epiphany instead of Christmas Mass this year. One tangible benefit is that the 1% Challenge recommit is at Epiphany. Because the entry point is a Mass, the target audience is non-practicing Catholics

- Discussed options to encourage attendance and make the atmosphere more welcoming. Going ideas right now are possibly nametags and extended fellowship after Mass
- Stewardship Renewal
 - End of October. Trifold cards will be going out in the mail at the end of the month.
- Faith Formation Staff Discussion
 - Discussed the driving goal and sub-goals of our commission. The goal is that our parishioners would be authentic Catholic disciples, where families are led by parents that are catechized and on fire for their faith and form their children in that faith, fulfilling their role as the primary catechist. The next step is to discuss where we are and concrete steps we can take to get to our goal.

E&CC Specific Items

- Governance Model Discussion (Dave Brunzman)
 - Discussed ways to improve the flow of communication for the following groups:
 - New parishioners – how do we help new parishioners find a ministry they can engage with?
 - Those who are already plugged in, but are changing phases of life: How do we help them find the next step?
 - Those who have an idea to bring to the parish – how do we quickly get them connected to the right person with whom they should discuss their ideas so that they are not shuffled around?
 - As in the September meeting, Stacy suggested a flowchart similar to what is used in her school district to help students have a clear idea of their path forward. We can use such a tool to help direct people into appropriate ministries/resources without overwhelming them with the many choices we have available here.
 - Discussed using the website as a tool for evangelization
 - **Action required:** Dave will compile our feedback for entry points and progression within the parish as it relates to the governance model. Stacy volunteered to give him an example to consider.
- Ministry Leader Gathering (Stacy Van Erp and Matt Volpenhein)
 - Our fall ministry leader gathering fell apart – we looked to have good representation from the E&C Commission, but very few ministry leaders were able to attend. Due to the holidays approaching, we will be holding just our more formal beginning of the year gathering.
 - We are targeting the January/February timeframe for our ministry leader gathering. Weekdays have worked best in the past, and historically the agenda has consisted of allowing ministries to cross-promote and discussing overarching goals of the commission.
 - **Action required:** By a week before our next meeting, Matt will send a poll of possible dates to commission members to forward to their ministry leaders.

- Matrix & Ministry Synchronization (Justin Bennett)
 - **Action required:** Any gaps you identify in the matrix, or ideas to solve those gaps should be sent to Justin to compile.
- Christmas Gift (Zack Hinger)
 - We discussed various CD, booklet, and book options available for the gift for everyone at Christmas Mass. A consensus was established that we should only offer one form of media to minimize complexity and decrease the number of volunteers needed.
 - Pam suggested that if we give a CD for Christmas, we should give a book for Easter. Books feel like more of a gift and can be read more deeply, but many people feel listening to a CD is easier than committing to the time it takes to read a book.
 - **Action required:** Zack will relay our feedback to the Evangelization Gift Committee for them to make a final decision.

Lay Leadership Roundtable (Brent Billman)

- We were charged with identifying someone to compare the current E&CC bylaws to the proposed overall bylaws to identify if there is anything missing.
 - Pam Begovich volunteered, and her name needs to be given to Stephanie.
 - **Action required:** Pam needs to review and have points of discussion for the next meeting
- All commissions are expected to have minutes posted publicly.
 - A consensus was reached that our public minutes will be the same as our full minutes, and not an abridged version.

Pastoral Council Update (Pam Begovich)

- Pastoral Council is interested in our model for job descriptions because they are looking for ideas to do something similar outside of E&C.
- Pastoral Council is looking to the E&C Commission to be a visible presence in the community
- Any monetary needs should be brought to the ministry's staff liaison to take to Pastoral Council/Finance Council – ministries don't always know that there is money available.

Ministry Updates and Items of Interest

- Ministry Leader Contact
 - Be sure to reach out to your ministries on a regular basis. Continue to forward the Pastor's Report. Please forward the ministry updates document that Zack provided

Closing

- Closing Prayer
- Next Meeting – November 8th, 2017, 7-9pm Youth Room