

MEETING NOTES

Evangelization & Catechesis
Monthly Meeting: May 10, 2017
Chairman: Justin Bennett

Welcome /Opening

- Attendees: Pam Begovich, Brent Billman, Chuck Ciccia, Bob Gloeckner, Kathy Hinger, Zack Hinger, Jennifer Jensen, Connie Michael
- Opened with Prayer
- Reflection – Lazarus at the Table, Chapter 8 (Jen Jensen).
- Parish and Commission Statements (Bob Gloeckner)

Pastoral Associate Update (Zack Hinger)

- Leadership Summit
 - All are encouraged to be with our ministries and participate in formation if you are not helping with the discernment process.
- E&CC 2017-2018 Vision
 - Purpose of the Commission is to provide support, to synchronize and to be a consultative body for our ministries. Need to focus on the big picture as a Commission. Use sub teams to hand off work as needed.
 - Look at and revise the mission statement to reflect this.
 - Continue looking at gaps or overlaps of ministries. (Bob Gloeckner)
 - Chuck Ciccia suggested also looking at how the Commission can be used in the greater community by contacting other churches. Sharing what ministries we have to offer or assist them.
 - Jen Jensen reiterated we need to focus on how we can help our ministries connect and coordinate with each other.
- Ministry Discernment
 - A discernment process has been put in place to assist ministries when a ministry leader has stepped down.

E&C C Specific Items –Update/Discussion Topic

- Vice Chair/2018 Chair Discernment – Bob Gloeckner lead
 - Need someone who will be serving the 2017-2018 to lead the commission.
 - Please discern if being the chair or vice chair is something you are called to do. Possibly a new member will discern for this position. Justin is willing to assist a new chairperson at the beginning of the Commissions new year (August 2017)
- Recap - Parish Mission 2017 – Kathy Hinger lead
 - Three evenings with changing formats for each one was offered. There were several morning sessions. An evaluation was done to see what worked, what did not. Most importantly was the question, how did you see

God at work? This information will be passed along to the next group working on the mission.

- It is felt that at least one year is needed in advance to plan a mission. Booking, advertising, etc. all need an appropriate amount of time to carry out the needs for a mission.
- Easter Gift – Chuck Ciccia lead
 - Chuck had a good response for handing out the gifts by reaching out personally for more help as needed. Gift quantities can be scaled back a little as this is the second year with approximately 500 cds left over.
- Lay Leadership Discernment – Connie Michael lead
 - Assistance from Brent Billman
 - Avail yourself of classes if you are not helping with the discernment process (three days available). Twenty-five people were asked to discern specifically for E&CC. Fourteen responded positively.
 - Bob Gloeckner gave a handout with E&CC's functions. This will help with our talking points. It will also be given to anyone discerning.
- Ministry Synchronization and Job Description – Bob Gloeckner lead
 - Bob has made detailed but easy to follow charts with ministries listed as to their primary focus. This details the ministries target audience, for example: age, men or women's group, level of knowledge, time and days of meetings. This helps to highlight areas of possible needs in the church.
 - Using these charts, Bob suggested the other Commissions might also be able to see where some of their ministries might fill in gaps of need in the church. For ex: having a women's ministry available in the evening, as opposed to the morning, which has several.
 - PC wanted to know how the Quadrant was using monies between adults, youth and children's ministries. He was able to present to them that approximately 48% went to adult groups, 32% went to youth groups and 20% went to children.
 - Bob wants the Commission members to have a job description of all our ministries so that we will know and understand all that they are doing. This will help in our responsibility of supporting their needs as Jen had suggested.
- Christmas Gift 2017 – Chuck Ciccia lead
 - Assistance from Connie Michael and Kathleen Seda
 - The idea of a book/pamphlet with testimonials and or blessings shared by Saint Max parishioners was discussed. Father Geoff was enthusiastic about this endeavor. Confidentiality will be kept. The question arose as to how to solicit, compile and edit the material. If enough interest is generated amongst the parishioners, this might become more than one book/pamphlet. Chuck and Connie both feel strongly that they would like to continue working on this project even after their service with E&CC would be complete.
- Fellowship Weekends

- We need to get our ministries involved with this by reaching out to them to sign up. A way to help the ministries do this would be to suggest that they work together. For example, the women's ministries coming together to host one. We need to let them know that there are detailed directions on how to set up for this and get the job done. It was suggested that when we host a dinner for our ministries we could have a sign up for that.

Pastoral Council Update – Bob Gloeckner

- All was discussed as found in the agenda.
- Reminders of what you signed up for the Lay Leadership Discernment meetings will be emailed to you by Zack Hinger.

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. Be sure your ministry leader is aware of the Day of Reflection date.
- Check with Bob Gloeckner if you are unsure if he still needs your ministry leaders' job description sheet.

Closing

- Closing Prayer
- Next Meeting – June 14th, 2017, 7-9pm Youth room