

St. Augustine Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes February 12, 2018

Present: Pat Urban, Pat Williams, Chris VanderVoort, Anne Domanico, Mike Conway, Dave Klementowski, Dan Rys, Lynn Shepard Scott, Dc. John Pedrotti, Fred Furtek, Fr. Cliff Auth

Guest: Dave Babcock

Excused: Deb Krisher, Jim McKenna

Welcome:	Pat Urban	Meeting started at 6:30 pm. All were appreciative of the delicious meal supplied by Anne Domanico
Opening Prayer:	Fred Furtek	
ACTS	Dave Babcock & Fr. Cliff	<p>St Augustine's has been supportive of ACTS since 2010. (handout) ACTS is a dynamic interfaith network of congregations and organizations seeking solutions to social justice problems and issues.</p> <p>Their involvement with combatting at violence in the city - they offer a training that started at Auburn Correctional.</p> <p>We currently contribute \$500 a year, and Fr. Cliff wanted to make sure that Pastoral Council is in agreement with our parish continuing our commitment. There is also an annual dinner - this year it is April 24, Tuesday.</p> <p>Pastoral Council was in agreement to continue to support and work with ACTS.</p>
Approve Minutes from December 2017 Meeting	Pat Williams moved Dan Rys seconded	Minutes from the December 2017 meeting were approved

Suggestion Box Report:	Chris VanderVoort	<p>Can we move the mass from 5:15 to 5:30 to provide more time for the priest to travel when they have to be at St. Mary's at 4:00?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No changes now, but willing to look at all suggestions. We will consider all sides of making any schedule changes. <p>Could some of Dc. John's sermons be online or published?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is possible to publish some of the sermons. We want to think about how we get information out. We are looking at a variety of means to communicate including recordings on the website or printed versions. <p>Since the organ is over 10 years old, think that we need to have a fund to maintain our organ.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We will ask Ryan about what might be needed. This would be part of our capital improvement plans and will be considered.
Parish Outreach	Anne Domanico	<p>Parish Outreach and Social Action Committee are very active now with bingo with apartment residents, Brady bread, Chili dinner, food collection, used eye glass and hearing aid collections.</p>
Prayer Life & Worship (Liturgy Report)	Pat Urban on behalf of Jim McKenna	<p>The Easter mass schedule will be new this year. Holy Thursday mass is at St Mary's, Good Friday is at both and Easter vigil for both parishes will be at St Augustine's. This will rotate next year.</p> <p>Fr. Cliff charged both Liturgy Committees to meet to decide how we could address the schedule as it is important that Fr. Cliff and Fr. Lou want to be present for both parishes.</p> <p>Everyone met with a collaborative mind set and the idea of compromise. Reps from both committees are meeting and working out the details through prayerful collaboration.</p> <p>This will be unique and will provide more opportunities for us to get to know each other more.</p> <p>Discussion was supportive of how the decisions were made and the new schedule.</p> <p>Additional discussion occurred regarding the importance of keeping the music of the different masses as similar as possible. Specific discussion concerned not always singing the various mass parts at the 8 am mass. All agreed that this is the goal, but time may play a role.</p>
Stewardship	Fred Furtek	<p>Do not have the latest financial report - but we are close to be on budget. Mardi Gras was fun. We need to upgrade the mikes for this next time.</p>

<p>Spiritual Development</p>	<p>Pat Urban</p>	<p>We have 16 First Eucharist candidates and 17 Confirmation candidates.</p> <p>We have 2 children and 4 adults preparing for Easter Vigil services. 1 child is a catechumen and 1 child and 4 adults are candidates (needing Eucharist & Confirmation.)</p> <p>We had our 1st MLK Day of Caring with over 20 participants.</p> <p>Super Bowl of Caring raised over \$3,200.</p>
<p>Business for Further Discussion:</p> <p>1. Covenant weekend: Chair & Date of the event</p>	<p>Anne Domanico & all members</p>	<p>Anne, Mike & Dan met last week and have selected the theme: Ministry in Motion (fishes & nets, fishing for people)</p> <p>Anne is the point person for the ministry team leaders</p> <p>Thumb drive with publicity from prior years is available (Lynn Shepard Scott & Fred Furtek)</p> <p>Food & kitchen (Chris VanderVoort)</p> <p>Pat U has started the covenant booklet in order to give it to Liz Kaul early. There may be some new opportunities added in the ministry booklet.</p> <p>Considered several options for set up, child care (need to have Vertis trained staff)</p>
<p>2. Pastoral Council Meeting Schedule</p>		<p>Discussion of how we could make the meeting more efficient and respectful of everyone's time. Options such as meeting every other month for pastoral council were discussed along with different starting times, etc. At this point no change in the meeting frequency and time. There was discussion of how can we make our meeting more efficient by sending out announcements ahead of time – we will try that next month.</p>
<p>3. Miscellaneous</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lenten Season - no book, perhaps may be one later in the year. • Credit Cards - now have the ability to do for weekly donations; fees are involved and the consistency of the donations makes up for the fees charged • Fr. Tom's photograph is completed • Announcements will be shared by both Dc. John and Fr. Cliff
<p>Pastoral Team</p>		<p>Members of the Council asked how we could support Fr. Cliff. Things are beginning to settle down and soon there will be permanent hours at St. Augustine's.</p>
<p>Where was God this evening? What is the community saying?</p> <p>Closing Prayer</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm</p>