

Attendees: Father Peter Quinn & Father Joe Rossi. PPC Members: Joe McGann, Oscar Monarrez, Ken Hanly, Valerie Farley, Rita Biagioni, Joan Cardillo, Diane Crory, Francine McGrath, Jackie Welham. Ex Officio Members: Denise VanVeen, Peg Hicks, Jaye Russo, and Jackie Butterfield.

PPC Member Regrets: Wes Baker, Lisa Dougherty, Mary Schneller

The December meeting was held at St. Catherine's. Fellowship and team building began at 6 PM with dinner in the Parish Rectory. Father Peter provided the main course with PPC members providing side dishes, beverages, and desserts.

Oscar Monarrez, the new co-chair from St. Anne's facilitated the overall agenda meeting discussion. The meeting started with an Opening Prayer (Prayer of Gratitude) by Fr. Peter. Diane Crory read St. Anne's Mission Statement. There were no Open Meeting agenda items.

Meeting minutes of November 11 2014 were approved unanimously after one minor rewording change.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. November 23 2014 St Anne Post 10:00 AM Mass Open Session Feedback & Next Steps
 - Approximately 65 – 70 parishioners attended the session that was moderated by Marianne Heer. We thank Marianne for her continued contributions to St. Anne's Parish and our Collaborative.
 - St. Anne PPC members & Father Peter felt that the open session went well.
 - Father Peter responded to a variety of parishioner questions.
 - Father Peter and several PPC members stressed that it is very early in the Collaborative formation process. Not every parishioner is at the same point in their understanding and/or acceptance of the Collaborative concept or structure. Bringing parishioners along will require everyone's continued patience, communication and transparency,
 - Next Steps:
 - i. Questions raised at this session or outside of the session will be documented, answers provided, and the results made widely available within the Collaborative. (i.e., Web Site, Church Locations, Bulletin (as needed).
 - ii. Future questions from either parish may be transmitted electronically to a PPC email address; called in to a designated telephone number; or dropped into a question box in the parish administrative office area. Designated PPC members will monitor these locations and coordinate any required response.
 - iii. We will continue to keep an eye on multiple-parishioner concerns (e.g., Choir-placement related congestion), explore possible resolutions and discuss proposed solutions with affected individuals and parishioners.
2. PPC Member Replacement
 - In October, due to scheduling conflicts, Derek De Lorenzo, a valued member of our Collaborative PPC and long time member of the St. Anne PPC, had regretfully tendered his resignation.

- In November, Father Peter asked the current St. Anne PPC members to look at former candidates or other interested parishioners for a replacement.
 - Tonight Joan Cardillo attended her first meeting as the new Collaborative PPC member from St. Anne Parish.
3. Parishioner Access to PPC Meeting Minutes
- The Collaborative PPC wants transparency and communication to remain the cornerstones of its efforts. With this as a guide, the members voted unanimously to make our approved meeting minutes widely available to parishioners. (Note: This topic was discussed at several prior meetings but a formal vote was never taken).
 - Approved monthly minutes will be posted on parish websites and made available within the church and/or parish offices for those without Internet access.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Next Steps from St Anne's November 23 2014 Open Session
 - See Old Business, Item 1, Bullet 5
2. Choir Placement at St Anne
 - Against a backdrop of many parishioners praising the current music being provided at St Anne's, a few parishioners continue to voice concerns about what they perceive as the congestion and irreverence created by the choirs upfront location.
 - Question #2 from the St. Anne Open Session explains the rationale for upfront placement of the choir versus the choir loft. We will continue to monitor the situation.
3. Christmas Mass Schedules
 - Christmas Eve: 4:00 PM – Both parishes (with video feed to halls)
 - Christmas Eve: 6:00 PM – St Anne's 8:00 PM – St. Catherine's
 - Christmas Day: 9:00 & 11:00 AM – St. Catherine's
 - Christmas Day: 10:00 AM – St. Anne's
 - It was noted that in 2012 & 13 St. Catherine Church was overflowing for every mass; the Parish Hall was overflowing for the one mass with a video feed.
4. Collecting/Publishing Mass Counts
 - Agreed to further explore this with ushers to make sure it can be done by them.
 - Intent is to collect periodically (e.g., every other weekend), present monthly to the PPC and publish quarterly summaries in the bulletin.
 - Trends will be analyzed to provide decision support information (e.g., identify and address, as necessary, variances in attendance; provide trend information to the Finance Councils for their use in budget discussions).
5. Easter Mass Schedules:
 - While a complete 2015 Lenten/Easter Schedule is under development, a tentative Lenten/Easter Schedule was provided for some activities.
 - As portions of the schedule firm up, the Liturgy Committee will provide updates in the parish bulletins and web site.

- The PPC asked that Father Peter, Peg Hicks, and Kelly Clark continue to work together in an effort to maintain Easter Vigil masses with choir music in both parishes. The PPC believes that maintaining two Easter Vigil masses in 2015 is important.
6. Moving Forward re: Pastoral Plan
- PPC members agreed to continue to address emerging parishioner concerns while shifting its energies to a more strategic and tactical focus on what needs to be done between 1/1/2015 and 6/1/2016 to prepare parishioners for the multi-year Parish Pastoral Plan developed in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines and the potential for changes that it may require.
 - Father Peter reminded everyone of the need for patience as the acceptance of change (even when viewed as positive or an improvement) varies widely.
 - The PPC will gather prior St Catherine activity related to working with limited priestly resources, encouraging disenchanting or marginalized Catholics back to the church and Sunday Mass and increasing Ministry participation. (Action : Joe McGann)
 - St Anne PPC members will explore the existence of any related materials from their prior activities.

The meeting concluded at approximately 9:15 with closing comments by Father Peter and his leading of a group prayer.