

St. Anne/St. Catherine Collaborative PPC Minutes

January 19, 2016

Attendees

Pastor: Fr. Peter Quinn

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Joe Rossi (unable to attend)

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Members: Wes Baker, Diane Croy, Lisa Dougherty, Francine McGrath, Joan Cardillo, Ken Hanly, Joe Mc Gann, Oscar Monarrez, Jackie Welham.

Ex Officio Members: Sue Gormley, Peg Hicks, Jackie Butterfield, and Jaye Russo.

PPC Member Regrets

Rita Biagioni and Valerie Farley

Location

The January meeting was held at the St. Anne rectory.

Meeting Notes

Dinner and fellowship began at 6:00 PM. The meeting commenced at 7:00 PM with opening prayer led by Father Peter and then the reading of the St. Anne and St. Catherine mission statements. Co-chair Oscar Monarrez facilitated the discussion. The meeting ended around 9:00 PM.

Open Meeting Agenda Items

There was one Open Meeting agenda item.

Debra Anderson, a St. Anne parishioner, presented a request to use space at St. Anne Parish to house an independent Epiphany Academy Preschool Program for approximately ten, four to five year old children. Deb's concept focuses on the use of art (e.g. Michelangelo) to introduce children to God's presence in the world. Deb's vision is to start small and expand the program to other grades, if feasible.

Deb's presentation and response to questions provided those in attendance with a clear picture of her vision and hopes for the proposed endeavor. Moving forward, the PPC will work with some key staff members and various offices within the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston (RCAB) to do the necessary due diligence to provide Father Peter with an informed recommendation. At this time, the PPC cannot establish a timetable for a recommendation; staff and RCAB availability will drive the schedule. In addition, the PPC and

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staff need to review RCAB and parishioner feedback and complete the St. Anne & St. Catherine Collaborative Pastoral Plan.

PPC due diligence activities will focus on a number of considerations e.g. overall suitability/feasibility of the location; liability implications for St. Anne Parish and the Collaborative; safety, security, privacy and availability implications.

Executive Session

The December 2015 PPC meeting minutes were reviewed and approved unanimously. Minutes are now published on the St. Anne & St. Catherine websites.

Old Business

1. Pastoral Plan Update

The initial draft to the Archdiocese is nearly ready for submission. The PPC will track parishioner feedback and the actions taken or proposed via an Excel spreadsheet. One major item to include in the initial draft focuses on a youth oriented stewardship goal. Moving forward, we need to ensure that parishioners are aware that many on-going initiatives are not mentioned in our Pastoral Plan by design; this plan represents a handful of key focus areas for the next few years.

At some point, we will once again provide parishioners with an overview of the factors driving the need for collaboration and an opportunity to comment on the final plan for submission. Most likely, we will use a multi-faceted approach e.g. bulletin inserts, emails, web posts, information forums.

2. On-Line Giving Promotion

Ken Hanly and Rita Biagioni will provide an update at the February meeting.

3. Proposed Lenten Program

Father Peter reported that there are approximately twenty-seven group facilitators signed-up for this program. In addition to mixed groups, special groups exist for families, young adults, and teens. Mixed group programs are available every day of the week. Efforts will be made to establish other groups if the need arises.

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New Business

1. Epiphany Academy Request

Based on an open meeting presentation, the PPC members, Fr. Peter and attending Ex-Officio members discussed Deb Anderson's proposal to establish the Epiphany Academy, a Catholic pre-school, at St. Anne Parish. The consensus was that the PPC needed to perform its due diligence before making a recommendation to Father Peter. The PPC co-chairs will work with the staff, RCAB and Deb Anderson, as needed, to develop a recommendation. (See Open Meeting Agenda Items for more information)

Final Comments: Fr. Peter

Fr. Peter mentioned that he concurs with the need to do due diligence on the pre-school proposal prior to making a recommendation to him. Also, he noted that a parishioner has requested time at our February meeting to discuss and clarify the St. Anne policy on allowing parishioners to use the facilities for a special personal event.

Ken Hanly led the closing prayer.

The next meeting will be held at St. Catherine Rectory on February 22, 2016.