

May Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday August 23rd at 7:00pm

Attendees: Abby Simon, Katie Earley, Susan Debra White, Cindy Robinson, Father Adam, Jacob Kerber, Brian Back, Dan Young, Laura Ridge, Patrick Paris. Online: Kate Brockman & Teague Ridge

Opening Prayer - Prayer of St Francis (Father Adam)

Minutes from 5.19 meeting were approved

Approve minutes from May

Patrick wanting to add - here as staff. Liturgical vs Pastoral

Social Media Conflict - as a post - Father posts publishing with out basis

All Approved -

Pastor's Update (Father Adam):

State of Ascension - September 10/11

Accountability report - report back what is going on.

Father Adam wants to touch on Mission Statement

Reminder to attend our Pot Luck Dinner on the following Wednesday 14th 5-6pm drinks and dinner from 6-7pm and 7-8pm is adoration

Dinner will be served in the Adult Meeting Room and you can spread out in the cafeteria to eat.

Staff will be attending

Father Adam will go over a multi-page report for the physical responsibility, where money came from, how many baptisms

Make comparisons on this year and Father Steven's last year 2018

Compare Father Adam's administration and Father Steven's administrations.

Will compare us over all other parishes/denominations. - having a hard time finding comparisons on other catholic parishes nation wide.

Have asked Alec to compare with what the Diocese

One big thing is reaching out to different consulting groups for Parishes. Patrick is spear heading this, they are very busy. Evangelyon consulting group out of California - 2 tiered system. Training with staff and then focus group on leadership - listening session, phone calls, they don't try to sell everything at once

The School has 2 sets of mission statements????

As Tink stated if we don't have a clear understanding of our mission then we won't be able to move forward.

Homily - State of Ascension

Ascension today and tomorrow

Not Father's expectation to have a consulting group to go with by this State of Ascension.

We are talking about this now to help gauge the excitement now and help to see what the consulting firm would be addressing when they arrive.

Year in Review will be emailed to everyone with an email address and it will be mailed to those that we do not have an email address on. There will also be a hard copy available. (Physical Responsibility Report)

Other updates

Heathy path forward:

Possible discussion of moving to a monthly meeting vs bimonthly meeting.

If someone misses it feels like they have been gone forever!

December meeting will be cancelled and do a social??

All in favor – all in favor

All oppose – no one opposed

No meeting in July or August and December will be a social event

- **Consulting Firm**

Recognize the mission statement for this event coming up

Open to the process of what avenue the consulting firm we will decide to use on updating the parish mission, they may offer some guidance.

Consulting Firm – addressing the concerns and putting forth the effort to try to bring us together. May be costly. Consultants are very busy...Father Adam thinks it is a need and the Archbishop should want to know this information.

What makes your parish an exciting realty and what makes you want to be a part of it?

Father Steven turned to be much more towards facility and should have been

We should look at programs, staffing, etc. How can we reorganize?

Finance committee will be deciding which bid to go with. Have someone come in completely from the outside vs just someone from the Diocese coming in.

Look at dynamics within the Diocese – and have their opinion on what the Diocese would look like.

The archdiocese is not encouraging any specific consultant – he is afraid that the Archdiocese would say they could do it. Evangelium – archdiocese wide

- Gifts and Strengths – Team Building Exercise? Patrick brought up and said he can offer suggestions on how to go about doing this.
- Strength Finder??

Department updates:

School (Brian):

School was kicked off really well. Back to School activities went well. We are at 181 kids

PTO (Abby):

Started Easy Money Sweepstakes – Mass sales will begin next weekend. September is first meeting. Mother/Son event is going to be a bunch of different games out on the field, and we are trying childcare at meetings. The push is for kids in the older grades to get service hours. Father has wanted to continue to pay the school time employees on an as needed basis, so reach out to Valerie. Thought to reach out to the high school students who need service hours.

Worship (Cindy gave for Karen):

We are getting new hymnals – should hopefully be in the pews by this weekend. Potluck for new musicians is this week. Back to school event – we had 4 booths – ideal ministries: Altar servers, musicians, lectors, and formation. The kids that were interested in serving – they tried to reach out to parents who might be interested in helping with funerals and bereavement. Altar Servers – traditional age 4th grade.

(We need Altar Servers). Looking for someone to take over vice chair for Karen on Worship committee, since she is Vice Chair for Parish Council

Athletics (Teague) –

Volleyball started this past weekend, but Ascension begins hosting volleyball this weekend. We have a ton of kids playing soccer – this is great! The flag football started off well!

Liturgical (Patrick):

Via Father – he is hoping to have a ministry spotlight every month – have someone to answer questions or informational pieces back in the gathering space after mass.

Finance (Father for Aaron):

Had a meeting but nothing important to report.

Next meeting is scheduled for 9/27 at 7:00 pm

Prayer Requests

Closing Blessing (Father Adam)

Meeting ended at 8:15 pm