

Holy Family Pastoral Table Minutes
2-22-22

Attendance:

Rich McMahon

Lisa Gagliano

Anne Madden

Mike Myers

Sue Geegan

Ro Geisler

Joy Kull

Greg Flanagan -via Zoom

Absent: Fr. Terry due to hip surgery

Meeting started 6:36 pm Central time on February 22nd 2022.

* Opening Prayer was stated - The reading was from the Gospel of Mark. The subject matter was the Transfiguration.

* Mike mentioned that Fr. Terry had hip surgery and he will be staying on the main floor. Fr. Bob Heinz will be staying to help out.

* Mike continues and proceed to ask about feedback regarding the pilgrimage.

*Sue responds by highlighting the powerful reflections highlighting Molly's personal reflection, as well as the man who hugged at the retreat.

* Lisa makes note that there should be a disclaimer considering the sensitive topics that some of the reflections contained.

*Rich made complimentary mention that the sensitivity to the audience's time was adhered to very well.

*Anne highlights the need for more community focus:

Reinstitute the Holy Family Welcome

Highlight Anniversaries

Highlight Birthdays

There needs to be a way to seek out new people.

*Luis describes that there still needs to be a focus on attracting younger people. Post AIG there needs to be a transition focused on parents.

* Ro describes the positive sentiment toward the Sunday/Wednesday rhythm and wanting to continue that post AIG.

*Anne suggests we try on focus on specific readings for specific demographics.

*Ro makes mention that before we start anything specifically we need to determine what the new

“norm” will look like post Covid.

* Anne makes mention that a suggestion box might help.

*Mike, Ro, and Anne agreed that we need to keep people engaged and that the parish leadership is focused on it.

*Anne suggest events where we can engage outside of Mass. She highlights the Buffalo Symphonic Band as an example, where a musical event may be something that might be well received.

*Mike moves the meeting in a new direction. The addition of new members. The name Krystal Harris is introduced. Her family is very involved in the parish. She studied at St. Mary’s at ND and graduated in 2019. She has a marketing background and has been involved with the Kyros Retreat.

* Krystal cannot meet the 3rd Tuesdays of the month, so next meeting will be March 22nd, and meetings will be held the 4th Tuesday of the month going forward after that.

*Sue Geegan introduces the Ministry Commission/Racism Initiative. The Commission represents all parishes in Vicariate 1. They offer training for all people in the parishes concerning Social Justice initiatives as well as programming.

After George Floyd’s death Tony Thompson a friend of Fr. Terry’s from St. Viators reached out and asked what could be done. Fr. Terry reached out to a few other parishes asking what could be done at a ministry/parish/Vicariate level to promote social justice awareness.

A few ideas have been discussed upon the arrival of a new Director of Human Dignity and Solidarity, Dr. Angela Swain. The first being a nine day Ignatian Novina and various other materials. The second being a presentation on Racial Justice by Bishop Perry from Vicariate 5.

*Anne suggests that Bishop Perry’s presentation would be a great example of something to present post AIG.

*Ro mentions again that leadership is trying to maintain the rhythm established by AIG and are looking for various presentations on multiple topics. It is clear that people want more engagement.

*Lisa asks if there is any progress on the search for Youth Ministry leader. Currently there is nothing new.

*Anne asks if there is any update of the Knights of Columbus events given Covid restrictions. Depending on the restrictions the Knights are ready to have breakfasts again as well as their fish fries during Lent.

*Rich expresses his gratitude for the Knights event in the Church on February 6th. The public Exemplification was a huge success.

* Ro mentions social media attack by militant catholic groups on the parish’s AIG initiative. Holy Family is mentioned primarily as an attack and displeasure by these group with and toward Cardinal Cupich. The Cardinal supports Fr. Terry and our efforts. Fr. Kurt Borris also supports Fr. Terry. If anyone is to be contacted the response is “we have no comment.”

*Anne mentions that this attacks are evil and come from an evil place considering they are an attack on a priest who is trying to inspire his flock. This attack is a sign that we as a parish are headed in the right direction.

*Greg states that however misguided the opinion of these people might be, they are entitled to them.

There is a general statement that we need to support and help Fr. Terry during this time. How do we best do that?

Closing Prayer by Anne: (she changed the prayer she had prepared)

We asked God for Peace. We prayed for Terry, the Lenten Project, the future. We asked that God help us protect Terry so that he may be given clear vision of life coming out of AIG. We also asked for a good surgical result.

Meeting closed 8:02pm