



BLESSED SACRAMENT PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

2/13/2020, 6:30 PM, office conference room

Father Tim Hoag, Father Adam Hofer, Leonard Hansen, Tim Callahan, Catherine Chicoine, Cyndi Fisher, Dave Richardson, Jon Schaak, Amy Thompson, David DiMaria, Trudy Oswald, Greg Forstner (Bold, italic=present)

Diocesan Mission: We, the diocese of Rapid City, through the power of the Holy Spirit, are called to attract and form intentional disciples who joyfully, boldly and lovingly proclaim and live the mission of Jesus Christ, leading to eternal life.

Opening Prayer – Amy Thompson

Review and approval of minutes from previous meeting – January. Minutes were approved.

New Business

1. Divine Renovation – Chapter 3

- Read Chapter 4 for March
- The topic of the chapter is Pain...from abuse, from association with those who abused others, from a situation of being in “maintenance” mode rather than one of mission
- Cling to the faith, don't cling to the people.
- The publicity surrounding the abuse, brought about a renewal. Many poor policies and structures were rooted out.
 - Pope Francis changed Canon Law to allow the removal of Bishops. USCCB has a hotline to report abuse and/or concerns.
 - As countries, we don't learn from each other quickly.

2. Engaging Hispanic parishioners

- Invite someone from the Hispanic to our Pastoral Council meeting? In the future, we could ask someone to nominate someone for Pastoral Council.
- Should we make sure that someone from Pastoral Council be available after the Spanish Mass, as well as have a translator available?
- We are bringing the Spanish speaking Mass into the Ministry Scheduler Pro.
- We are working to build a website page that will be in Spanish.
- A group of people from the Hispanic community will serve one Lenten dinner.

Reports:

1. Ministry reports to discuss

- Edge-going great! 60-70 kids regularly attend. Life Teen attendance is around 22-23.
- Approximately 30% of Parishioners pledged. 270 families pledged \$561000. Average pledge \$2077.81. That doesn't count the 75 people who signed up for new e-tithing. Fr. Tim is happy with the response.

2. Sunday meet & greet

- If a pressing concern is brought forward, Council members are always welcome to contact Fr. Tim before the next meeting.
- Concerns regarding the wording of the petition for a new bishop.
 - The wording will be considered. The prayer has been the same for 6 months.
- Making announcements at the end of Mass seems redundant.
 - The bulletin is only one means of presenting information. Most people need to be asked 7 times, preferably in different ways...bulletin, announcements, website, invitation, etc.
- Concerns about the length of the Mass.
 - Our Masses at Blessed Sacrament are designed to be 1 hour 15 min.
- Some people were upset that a one-sided presentation about the school bond proposal.
 - Catholics should actively be involved in all aspects of the community and civic society. Therefore, Fr. Tim will promote active involvement in community matters. The other side would have the same opportunity. Groups are welcome to present their perspective as long as it doesn't go against the Church's teachings.

Old Business

1. Parish pledge appeal held in January-see note above

March meeting 3-12-20, 2nd Thursday, 6:30 pm Discuss Divine Renovation Ch. 4. Fr. Tim will try to get us a copy of his vision for the Parish. We will discuss and consider at the next meeting.

Closing Prayer – Catherine