Mary of the Visitation

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

West Campus, Becker

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
   1. 19:06
2. Roll Call Noted by Secretary
   1. Bonnie, Brenda, Father Mike, Clay, James, Dcn Phil, Geary
3. Addition/Adjustments and Approval of March Minutes
   1. No changes noted
4. Parishioner Concerns
   1. None present at this time
5. Reports from Ministry Teams
   1. Nothing noted
6. Updates
7. COVID Updates (if any)
   1. Nothing at this time
8. Recap on building meetings held on 4/24, 4/25: Clay
   1. Notes from the listening sessions are included below

* How many families are in each location? (Becker families versus Big Lake families)
  + 998 families in our parish
* What is the main location of the body of people?
* By going to a new location, are we required to build a bigger building than current needs? Would this cause additional mergers into our church in the future?
* What are some of the steps for building and selling our churches that parishioners would see/could expect?
* What is the average age of parishioner?
* What percentage of people travel to mass when it alternates locations?
* Can we put these Slides from this session on website?
* Youth programs & Faith Formation-more than once a month? Every Wednesday options?
* What would it look like if we got Faith Formation all done in 6 weeks, not 6 months?
* ACC-would there be a way to coordinate more of their resources for employment?
* Big Lake growth and population increases-why are they not coming? How to reach out/programs to offer to gain new families?

-998 families in our parish

-Better adult education, small groups, organizing more people/families together

-New member orientation

-One member said he identifies only Big Lake as his church and that building “looks” more like a church

-Better education and resources for young adults specifically about their Catholic faith (mainly speaking on after confirmation/in college kids)

Some things that we discussed in the meeting:

Options to run some parish missions for educating and helping more people explore their Faith

Relationship building

More Men’s and Women’s studies

Eucharistic Adoration – make sure to announce on social medias

-Adult education was brought up several times, feels like we lack consistent opportunities

-$100 drawing not for all community-not all can afford it.

-Stewardship: encourage people to look at what they auto donate from their account. Update as needed/willing. Do we see many changes once they choose auto donate?

-Education on other ways you can donate money and understanding on how to donate.

-Member encouraged the look of Big Lake location feels more like a church vs Becker location

-Bible study for middle age groups; need to bring them together in community.

* 1. It would be good to bring the total costs for two campuses, what would we save by having only one campus
  2. Architect is willing to give us a couple page assessment for the options for free, motion to approve this was approved

1. Strategic Planning recap and goals
   1. As more things open, we can look to open up some of our community events
   2. Adult education
      1. Father to explore leading study on Acts of the Apostles.
      2. Presence from FORMED an option for growing in our love and truth of the Eucharist
      3. Adoration can be added as well – Sunday Afternoons – once a month
      4. BINGO or other type of activities to help draw people back
   3. Other items discussed
      1. What can we pick up
         1. Doing the group committee meeting to ensure that we are all aiming in the same direction
      2. Continued listening sessions once a quarter
         1. Discuss at the meetings what we have completed from their requests
         2. Continued discussion to help keep parishioners informed of our mission, where we are heading as a Parish community
      3. Outreach
         1. We have many areas that this can be improved, and looking at the options that we have listed we can offer many of these to help grow those relationships and foster discerning hearts
         2. We need to reach out to our community more often
         3. More social media posts to remind people of what we are doing
            1. Possibly publish these items in the local newspaper
      4. Place TV in common areas
         1. Showing events and other important parish information
      5. Interactive Adult education
         1. Theology on Tap
         2. Other options
2. Building and grounds (window)
   1. Not a god situation, still needs to be evaluated
3. Future Agenda Items

1. Finance update

2. Strategic plan review and assign in May

3. Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) status

Meeting adjourned 20:18 with an Our Father

Next Meeting: May 25, 2021 at 7:00 P.M.

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Any additions/corrections, email me at james.4775@gmail.com