

St. Agnes Parish Pastoral Council
December 9th
Meeting minutes

Attendees:

Peter Dordal, Jeff Byrnes, Betty DeLeo, Mary Suydam, Fr. Bill, Bob Pagnotta, Mike Bucaria, Phil Katz, Steve Kahn, Regina Wagner, Rosa Gonzalez

Excused:

Eugene Murray

Fr. Bill began the meeting with a Prayer

Discussion topics

- **Previous meeting minutes**
 - The minutes from the November meeting were distributed and the council was asked to review and if no changes the minutes would be posted to the parish web site during the week of December 14th.
- **Pastoral and Financial report**
 - The council felt the pastoral and financial report went over very well with parishioners in November.
- **Voice of the Faithful letter update**
 - The letter from the Pastoral Council was sent to VOF in October and to date no formal response has been received.
 - VOF was outside the Cathedral on 12/6 and it was reported they were handing out flyers that mentioned or referenced the council's letter however no copies were retrieved.
 - Council researched the VOF website and found documentation that may have been related to either the council letter or the VOF meeting held in September.
 - No further follow up is planned.
- **Diocesan Pastoral Council requests for comments about what parishes feel they do well during mass.**
 - Fr. Bill reviewed a request from the Diocesan Pastoral Council for feedback on what we as a council believe St. Agnes does well in terms of mass. A frank discussion ensued and Fr. Bill developed a list to report back to the Diocesan Council.
- **Parish email database update**
 - Ed Maelia joined to provide insight into the parish web site and utilization of the parish bulk email address list to communicate information to parishioners.
 - Parishioners can add/delete/change their email address directly from the parish web site.
 - Pastoral council minutes will be posted to the web site each month after they are reviewed by the council and Fr. Bill.

- **75th Anniversary of the Cathedral**
 - Open discussion on what/if something should be planned
 - Potentially invite other parishes to come and be given tours of the cathedral
 - Statue of Mary and garden between rectory and cathedral
 - Potential to combine the year of the priest with the 75th Anniversary.
 - Added suggestion of potentially starting the anniversary year on the 75th anniversary.
 - Pastoral Council representatives meet with those interested in developing a celebration. Bob Pagnotta, Peter Dordal, Betty DeLeo, Steve Kahn, and Gene Murray to represent the council
 - **Tabled for Fr. Bill to reach out to other ministries/areas of the parish for discussion.**
- **Stewardship Committee**
 - Discussion topic to look at outlining how a committee might be formed.
- **Upcoming meetings**
 - January 13th
 - February 10th
 - March 10th
 - April 14th
 - May 12th
 - June 9th