



St. Ann Catholic Church Pastoral Council
October 21, 2024
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Members: Father Peter Grace, Richard Boyd, Laci Conrad, Francisco Cucue-Campos, Tom Hartley, Hatciri Lopez, Anne Miller, Dean Penny, Lori Power, Stephanie Satkowiak, DJ Venne, Marina Guerrero, Nick Petro, Chris Vozdik, Sandy Vargas (6 present)

Members

Excused: Laci Conrad, Tom Hartley, Anne Miller, Stephanie Satkowiak, DJ Venne

Members

Absent: Lori Power, Francisco Cucue-Campos

Guests: Dan Smith, Lupe Villa, Maren Rangel

Recording

Secretary: Laci Conrad

Opening

Prayer: Richard Boyd

Review and

Approval of

(August 2024)

Minutes: Chris Vozdik made a motion to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes; Richard seconded the motion; all approved.

International Food Festival (Dan Smith)

- Dan submitted reports, presented on PowerPoint.
- St. Eugene, Mule Days was also going on at the same time as the festival. However, Dan has met with IFF committee, and they spoke of impact of hurricane to some people's attendance.
- They do compare food sales, the number of tickets sold as have been previously.
- Our costs also went up. And more and more people have asked for reimbursements.
- In the last three years we have struggled with attendance, it seems like every year is something new. Or shifts due to weather, covid, etc. committee has spoken on moving festival to spring, however that may mean we would possibly skip a year.
- Raffle, up for discussion on how it is not making net profit as it had been in the past. We made \$11,000 but it is not bringing in what it used to, people are not buying tickets. Committee has thought of doing a survey, asking for input from parishioners.
- Looking at demographics vs reality who shows up and who doesn't.
- Looking for new games' coordinator for next year.
- Net profit 50,434.12 for 2024.

Food Pantry

- Shared the attached (basic) 2023/2024 St. Ann Food Pantry Impact Report from Cathy Penny
 - 3375 Households
 - 9455 People



- Value of Volunteer Hours:
 - 161.5 Volunteer Hours/Week at
 - \$31.64/Hour Value (independentsector.org)
 - \$255,493 per year
- Major Donors:
 - · Gauss Foundation
 - · Food Lion
 - · One Compassion/Riverwild
 - · Plant-A-Row
 - · Food Bank of Central and Eastern NC
 - · Town Market
 - · Panera Bread
 - · CVS
 - · InterFood Plaza
- By The Numbers
 - · 30 % African American
 - · 30% Hispanic
 - · 40% White
 - · 22% - 0-17 years old
 - · 57% - 18-64 years old
 - · 21% - 65+ years old

Safety Committee

(Nick shared for Kevin Pilotte)

- Had meeting last week:
 - Workshop, attended by Kevin by Bill Lagallow
 - Only two parishes have safety/security meeting (St. Ann's included) in the Diocese.
 - Member of the committee to review safety points (during mass) as opposed to drill.
 - Richard volunteered to help make announcement.
 - Father Peter suggested picking a mass for testing but not all masses. Especially due to the number of people in attendance. Since we are not sure what type of test committee is asking to do.
 - Discussions on traffic jams. No good solutions as of yet until expansions aid the issue.
 - Discussion on IFF, there was a booth at festival as there have been incidents previously.
 - No carbon monoxide in trailers, however nothing in building produces carbon monoxide.
 - Discussion on hosting another law enforcement/emt annual celebration/thank you.
 - During FF there is concern on hundreds of in LC. And that being a target.
 - Comment by Lupe, all doors closed except front door.
 - Active shooter class request to be done again.
 - Cathy Penny requested CPR training for FP volunteers.
 - Request by committee to purchase preston mannequins for trainings. Cost \$300 both.
 - Kevin to help follow up with fire alarms that are in contact with the church.
 - Richard pointed out alarms have recently been updated.

Trail Life Update – Rich Boyd

Church Christ based, boy-ship group – provides a male role model to boys in order to become godly men, especially since at times boys lack that at home.

Chair: Richard, Tom Hartley also involved as well as Michael Penny.

- Meet Tuesdays, weekly not during the summer. Follows school year model.
- Notes on group:
 - a. The St. Ann Trail Life Troop NC-4057 is entering our 2nd year as a troop



- b. Trail Life's mission is to challenge boys to grow in character, serve their community, and follow Christ.
- c. Our troop has 12 active men, and 17 boys ages 5 to 14, which attend various Spanish and English masses
- d. We meet weekly and complete hands-on activities such as first aid, fire management, and orienteering
- e. We recently completed our first camping trip of the year with 24 other troops. A total of 1,000 people attended the event where our troop played and competed against other troops in a challenging but respectful series of events.
- f. If you would like more information about the troop, see Rich, Tom or Michael Penny. Contact information is available through the church's website.
- g. Faith lessons taught along with skills.
- h. Michael started group with Richard about a year ago, he was inspired by how his child was involved in a protestant church, but he wanted our faith to be what he received along with skills learned.

PC Email Status

- Voz said he needs to follow up with Frank Gutierrez.
- Has ideas of what to work with and will follow up with council next month.

Staff Reports:

Lupe Villa, Faith Formation Director

- There is still a need for catechists, however the program is ok. Compared to last year which was more than a struggle. People sometimes have that fear to teach.
- 800 children in faith formation (numbers definitely high); children, teens, adults and all programs
 - *Friday (2 classes – adult and teens being prepared for sacraments_*
 - *Saturday (5:45-6:45)*
 - *Sunday (9:30, 11-12pm Spanish)*
 - *OCIA 12:30-2pm*
 - Many people in OCIA – many people interested in joining the church
- Lots of fellowship coming from people also involved. Lupe is concerned about losing Catechists due to changes in mass schedules. Her perspective coming from “as a parent” or as a “catechist.”
- Lupe also spoke about struggles with parents not so much children, but how parents do not commit, or do not take program as a priority. They come late to mass; she saw as she attended 4:30pm mass for example.

Maren Rangel, Youth Ministry Coordinator

- Working with the confirmation program
- Youth group – only about 18 attending youth group
 - Out of the for example 800 involved, there is a big group of possibilities
 - Meet Tuesdays

Carmen Ruiz Patino, Development Coordinator

- Thanks for all the support for the campaign.

§ Growing With Grace

- More pledges received. Approx. \$50,000 in new pledges since last report. As of middle of October, we have raised approx. \$250,000 toward the \$400,000 matching gift program.
- There is a small group of parishioners who are not willing to commit to a multi-year pledge, but are willing to give as they can.
- We continue the food sales, this past weekend the prayer group helped. \$55,000 for the 2024 calendar year is estimated to come in through food sale fundraising with groups. If this pace holds for 5 years, then we could raise \$275,000 through food sales toward GWG. The current GWG totals projects only \$150,000 thru these efforts.
- Priests have been making phone calls and also sending thank you notes to donors for GWG.



- Faith Formation has also been supporting, raising about \$800 through generosity of children. But they are thinking of changing dynamic for older children. The idea for teens to receive service hours and fundraise at the same time.
- Nick asked if they make a payment if same QR codes is used for what/where to pay. Or how someone can view their balance. For now, they can call and request a balance as it is not connected through programs in the internal aspects of church programs that keep up finances and pledges.

§ Welcome Committee

- An upcoming gathering this Saturday.
- The idea is to let everyone know who leaders are. Get familiar with what we have and updates on ministries and volunteers. This will help to direct people.
- The idea is to be out here somewhat for families with the ends of establishing more stewardship and evangelization.

§ Increased Offertory

- To some people this is new, so the idea is to inform and help them reflect on their giving.
- The Increased Offertory program does 3 things:
 - Raises awareness of individual parishioners to the need for offertory, and for the parishioner to make a conscious commitment to God to give back to God.
 - The IOP helps us sustain our offertory levels and increase them year to year. (Parishes that don't do an IOP see a decline in offertory as a result.)
 - Assists the Finance Council in planning for the next year's budgets.
- Dean also shared, the idea of the consciousness of what God has entrusted to us. We should be doing that periodically. Reflecting. In the perspective of Finance Council is to see what we can do from a year-to-year basis. But as Christians, for us to reflect what God allows us to have and what we give back.
 - 2 Corinthians 9: 6-7
 - “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also...”

§ BAA

- We have met and slightly exceeded our annual goal. No further updates are needed until we start a new campaign in January for 2025.

**Financial
Update:**

Dean Penny

Dean shared the following fundraising updates.

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH



| St Ann Catholic Church Storage Building - Community Outreach Center 8/20/2024 | | |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| Description | \$ Raised | |
| 1 Ladies Guild | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| 2 Food Pantry Grants | \$ | 105,000.00 |
| 3 Fundraising Events thru 7/31/24 | \$ | 7,977.06 |
| 4 Church Savings Transfer | \$ | 50,000.00 |
| 5 Church Operations Payments as of 8/1/2024 | \$ | 22,272.94 |
| Total \$'s Raised and spent as of 8/1/2024 | \$ | 190,250.00 |
| Fundraising to Complete Project | | |
| 1 Church Operations (to Complete bldg by 10/31/24) | \$ | 92,000.00 |
| Additional Fundraising Efforts to Reim Church Operations | | |
| 2 Grants | \$ | 25,000.00 |
| 3 Church Fundraising Events | \$ | 10,000.00 |
| 4 Misc | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| Sub-Total Addit Fundraising | \$ | 40,000.00 |
| Net to Church Operations | \$ | 52,000.00 |
| Summary of Total Fundraising | | |
| Church Operations | \$ | 74,272.94 |
| Church Savings | \$ | 50,000.00 |
| Fundraising Events | \$ | 17,977.06 |
| Ladies Guild | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| Grants | \$ | 130,000.00 |
| Misc | \$ | 5,000.00 |
| Total Project Funding | \$ | 282,250.00 |

| St Ann Catholic Church Storage Building - Community Outreach Center 8/24/2024 | | |
|---|------------------|---------------|
| Description | Amount Remaining | |
| 1 Exterior Slab | \$ | 12,000 |
| 2 Brick Veneer | \$ | 32,000 |
| 3 HVAC Finish | \$ | 8,600 |
| 4 Drywall / Ceilings | \$ | 21,400 |
| 5 Paint | \$ | 3,000 |
| 6 Electrical Trimout | \$ | 7,000 |
| 7 Light Fixtures | \$ | 2,500 |
| 8 Door Locks / Hardware | \$ | 1,000 |
| 9 Powerwash / Clean Building | \$ | 500 |
| 10 Landscaping / Planting | \$ | 2,000 |
| 11 Outdoor Storage Area behind with fencing | \$ | - |
| 12 Access path to Fire Hydrant (Code Required) | \$ | - |
| 13 Misc | \$ | 2,000 |
| Total To Complete | \$ | 92,000 |

\$ 13,000 Hold till after CO
\$ 25,000 Hold and hope to delete

*The remainder of the cost to complete the Community Outreach Center has been allocated from the church's operational fund. This does not stop the current fundraising efforts. The projected completion date for the building is the end of October 2024.

- Snapshot of September shared with council.
- Land purchases
 - Grantham land purchase is moving forward. Land is being looked at to possibilities.
 - Brooks land, purchase is stalled due to raise in price (about \$2 million than discussed)
- SACC Facility and Master planning Organizational Chart
 - Idea is to make sense of what type of programs to make available in future. The intent is to organize the effort in such as way that the various activities can be easily understood and coordinated.
 - Self-Study – needed for future growth. The Diocese requires this study be conducted and the report summarize the current status, growth projections, and needs of the parish. This report becomes the foundation for the capital expansion plans – such as expanding the church, and adding any new programs / facilities.
 - Dean sent me slides to share with committee members.
- Dean will be stepping down from FC in order to lead the efforts of the growth of this parish and to establish that connection with the Diocese.
- Shared videos of helping offertory increase program efforts. Interviews of Chris Vozdik and IFF.

Fr. Peter

- Father Peter has been in talks with the bishop of possibly bringing more Passionist to Diocese and parish.
- His Italy trip allowed Father to connect with other priest that will visit in near future.

Closing Prayer by Fr. Peter

The next Pastoral Council Meeting is November 18, 2024, at 7 p.m. in Learning Center Room 208.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Vargas