

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
March 11, 2014

Meeting called to order: 7:30pm, Chip Sharpe

Council members present: Chip Sharpe, Don Benson, Harlan Young, Alan Young, Zoila Jovel, Oscar Jovel, Karen Oliver, Willy Avitabile, Catherine Avitabile, Kathleen Clarke, Mark Webster

Council members not present: Rhonda DeMay, Chris DeMay

Opening prayer: 7:31pm, Chip Sharpe

Agenda: Chip distributed the February minutes. A brief discussion and recap of the meeting took place, the minutes were accepted.

State of the Parish: Chip Sharpe

A brief discussion of our parish took place. We all agreed our parish is an awesome parish! Karen stated she feels like the parish is her home! Mark said he never would have believed he would be so involved! Willy added the church is their extended family. Bottom line – St Ignatius is the BEST!

New Parishioner Dinner

The dinner was a success, positive comments were received! The food was wonderful! Total cost was just over \$350.00. The Council agreed that calling people to confirm is a good idea. 19 people RSVP'd for the dinner and 15 people came to the dinner. Don suggested the responsibility of hosting the dinner rotates between leadership councils within the parish. Karen motioned we propose rotating the dinner between Pastoral and Finance Councils. It was also asked if there is a way to track participation in the parish and it's activities after the dinner.

Open Discussion

Karen discussed the Ministry Fair and a change in responsibilities if anyone is interested.

It was also discussed whether or not the Pastoral Council has a budget. We do not have an account per se, but there is a fund of money we can draw from.

Ten Essentials of Parish Life

#10 Evangelization – Evangelization is living and sharing our faith.

Chip discussed Matthew Kelly and how his evangelization made him proud to be Catholic. Willy asked the group, how do we evangelize? It's important to be the examples we read about in the bible. St Ignatius is very active in the community; the various things the church is involved in were discussed. Karen discussed presenting ourselves positively in the community. Alan said converting people to Jesus is important. Mark likes that we aren't pushy or loud – we just are who we are. It was agreed that we evangelize in how we behave.

#9 Social Ministry

Many outreach ministries were discussed and it was agreed St Ignatius is rich in social ministry. Willy said social ministry leads the way to evangelization.

Everyone needs to be prepared to discussed Essentials 8 and 7 next meeting.

Fish Fry

Pastoral Council is responsible for dessert at the last two fish fry's. Everyone makes a batch of something tasty and we'll have enough. The dates are April 4th and 11th.

Martinez shelter update

It was discussed that the Pastoral Council will host a meal in May. Details to follow.

Meeting adjourned: 8:39pm