

Monthly Meeting Notes 2024

Monthly notes from April 25th, 2024

6:30 pm

Present: Kathy Goldenstein, Phil Grant, Karen Thompson, Anthony Minus, Jerald Dosch, Katie Shetka, Alan, Maggie, Ellen

Reflection/Prayer: Katie missed this

Reflecting on something that happened during the month

Status updates

- **Task Force -**
- **Communication and Marketing -**
- **Youth Group**—The April meeting is this weekend. Cristina will attend and prepare young people to serve in ministry roles at Mother's Day Mass on May 12. Questions about the youth group:
 - Is the money available that was meant to go to the youth minister? Short answer- yes.
 - What will the youth group look like moving forward? How can we grow the group?
 - Are there kids at St. Stan's that would like to join us? Karen will connect with St. Stan's to see what connections we can make. Next month, we will discuss the future of the youth group.
- **Welcoming Families/New Members**—The initiative to approach families or new faces and welcome them. The strategic planning committee is also considering what can be done and how Christina can connect with families.
 - The parish council could sign cards and send them to new families or newly confirmed community members.
- **E Panel/Solar-**
 - Dates are set- E Panels First and third week of June. It may not need both weeks and accommodates Quantum's summer school schedule. St. Mary's has already agreed not to schedule during these days due to potential power outages. People of Praise may need to move out for a day or two. Will know more when the exact days are set.
 - Solar- looking at the Fall. Somewhat dependent on redoing the parking lot.
 - We need to raise money for the parking lot. In the fall, we will ask church donors for donations. We currently have about 11,000, and the parking lot costs 89,000. Lots of variables to consider when thinking about a new parking lot and what may change (Playspace, garage, dumpster placement)

Listening Reports

- Are we considering starting to record mass again?
- How can we improve on the “Key situation? Who has keys? How do you get a key?- Hoping to have a volunteer create a list of who has keys.
- Are we considering updating the sound systems? Yes, we are trying to determine where the sound is poor and what needs to be updated to improve it. We need to fix Father Kommers' mic. We should bring someone to help with the audio mixer to improve Father Kommers' settings.
 - Feedback: It is hard to hear in the front. It is hard to hear above the piano, and Father Kommers is hard to hear. The in-ear helpers are not working.

Organic recycling

- Minnesota “Biz”? Will help write a grant for organic/compostable sustainability.
- Talked to Nitty Sanitation- working on bringing it to St. Paul and offering it here.
- Concerning composting, what are the expectations around leaving food in the fridges or freezers? Composting could help cut down on this waste.

Spiritual Leadership Next Steps

- Father Steve met with the bishops and promoted having Father Kommers take over,
- Next steps: Work with Mike Ticks (?) to ensure Father Kommers can stay. They? Will also meet with Father Steve, which might help move the decision along.
- Sacramental Ministers are “easier” but also cheaper.
- Phil has a friend who will explore other parishes that align with ours. Then, we can scout those parishes.
- No deacons are available. Deacons are also being placed into churches outside of their home church. Deacons cannot anoint, do funerals, no marriages.
- Tick’s suggested we start talking to Our Lady (and other churches) to collaborate.

The pilgrimage- The National Eucharistic Marian Route

- It’s coming to St. Matt’s on Tuesday, May 28th
- Most likely mid-morning. Maybe 10:45

National Night out

- YES! Let’s do it again
- Think about different ways to improve and promote the event for this year.
- Ellen will work on getting the paperwork in.

Strategic Plan

- Things that made it successful
 - Moderator
 - Ensuring all voices were heard

- Meetings every three weeks
- Providing feedback in between meetings
- One-hour meetings

The team is looking for feedback from the council and then direction on who will take over moving forward.

It was hard to separate culture and community. They were very integrated.

Consider a separate council meeting to focus on what the committee developed. After mass?

Need more explanations of some of the tasks/topics that are priorities for the future.

Karen will communicate with the group about the best options moving forward regarding a meeting.