

March 9, 2020 PPC Meeting

Attendees:

Kelly Schulz
Brittany Pesce
Father Dave Harris
Brennan Daugherty
Mike Ahrens
Jackie Hornstein
Ted Bordador
Brooke Borders
Ann Sherman
Kelly Dean

Absent:

Leann Magre
Chris Gould
Stephanie Davis

Motion to approve Feb 10th minutes
Minutes approved

Father Dave- Parish

Met with PTO Exec Board and they are in process or have already voted on improving the design of the playground.

FlockNotes doing well and has had positive response. JH, when you reply to a FlockNote message, currently you can see all responses.

Get Connected - Service Central - have paid for software and looking for implementation in summer

Corona Virus email from Father Dave distributed; suspended use of Chalice during Mass.

Put signs in restrooms about personal hygiene, hand sanitizer in church restrooms, Signs of Peace are altered, no hand shakes for now.

Adding disability access to PLC during Spring Break; senior parishioners have taken more interest in PLC. Due to generous donation, this project is happening.

Father Albert email distributed by Fr. Dave. St. Aloysius Reconciliation, some students didn't feel comfortable with questions Fr. Albert was asking. Fr. John looked into claims and notified Archdiocese. Safety of children is top priority so St. Albert became involved with the Archdiocese and the process of the investigation. At the end, this was a cultural issue, for instance asking questions for examination or to get a full picture is typical.

JH, does the Archdiocese do some type of cultural sensitivity training to priests from other countries? Feels response to the investigation was vague and dismissive.

FD also made this recommendation (training) to the Archdiocese. Mechanism is in place at the Archdiocese to handle these types of occurrences.

Father Albert will not attend St. Albert Reconciliation this week (12:01) as a result of this occurrence.

KDean, we respect cultural differences, and homilies are at times uncomfortable. Is sure safety was not an issue however feels FA was not prepared/trained appropriately to handle a reconciliation at a different school/students.

JH, Do you, FD, feel the occurrence has been communicated effectively to our parish and it's members? FD does, but encourages us to call into the Archdiocese if there are more questions.

FD, Separate email went to parents of First Reconciliation kids today.

KS, wants PPC members to walk away tonight with the same understanding of this occurrence and the process that took place so that we can answer questions from other parishioners effectively and with a positive tone.

PPC REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Brooke Borders - Stewardship & Communications

Emily Bowling (EB) reports that they meet 1x per month and have about 8-9 volunteers on this committee, with a max of 10. EB indicates they have a Diverse Group but did have a recent loss with Robert moving to oversee another committee. Once the Stewardship Packets are out EB feels the meetings will reduce to 1x every other month.

Main focus at this time is the Stewardship Packets and sign ups. EB did indicate they are trying to reinforce that School families are required to turn in the stewardship forms to be considered a member of the parish, and to receive the parish tuition discount. To help with this, the Parish has sent out the Stewardship forms to all school families via "Tuesday Folder" and request that families return these as soon as possible.

JH is there a deadline for the stewardship form? May 31st deadline.

Other stewardship forms go out next month, we have the choice of electronic or paper sign ups due May 31st. Can we track who fills out electronically to help minimize paper mailings/mailers.

EB also so they are working on a better way to use our online offering. BB suggested making it clear to parishioners that there is a 3% fee when using a credit card vs the 2% fee for debit transactions.

EB and Chris Spalding are also working on a Yearly Calendar for next year with a timeline of Goals the parish would like to complete.

Ted Bordador - Adult Formation/Large Group

Met with the committee (Laura, Emileigh, Cindy, Fr. Albert) on 2/11/20 to formally introduce myself and find out more about objectives. Changes for committee format occurred over the summer.

RCIA underway. Planning possible retreats. Mother/daughter & Father/Son retreat/events (used to do father/son pancake breakfast) are still on the table but haven't come up with a format.

Father Sichco/Gulliard trained musician and priest, travels around the country to do 3-night retreats that pack the house.

Lenten Mission: Possibly bring in a speaker (will budget allow for this). Also, possibly put together care packages for 3rd world countries.

Brittany Pesce - Children

No Report

Kelly Dean - Adult Small Groups

“Walking with a Purpose” group (less than 12) has ended; they enjoyed the study though did affirm that it is a long one! They would like to stay together and start another one in the Fall. We will also be offering the one they just finished to the other women of the Parish in the Fall.

Mike Ahrens - Pastoral Care

Rediscovering/Grief Group

90% were St. Albert, diverse ages, had a grief counselor/life coach. Small group conversations took place and snacks. Advertised in the Record. Evaluating now to see how often the group will meet going into the future.

The first meeting of the ongoing bereavement support ministry met for the first time with a short presentation, time for discussion, and a meal. The group was asked to provide input regarding the future direction of the ministry. Participant suggestions will be taken into account for future planning.

Goal: Develop a Men’s Ministry at St. Albert the Great

The initial planning meeting will take place following Easter

Adults into the life and ministry of the Parish.

Goal: Develop greater participation by parish members in the RCIA process

Several initiatives are being discussed which will be briefly outlined at the March Meeting.

Crossover pastoral ministry and adults at all different levels who have pastoral needs. RCIA, what we do with school and what we do with RCIA. We have a large, young crowd in RCIA who are attracted because of the school. Their reasons for coming have changed since the group formed. Inquiries for the next group are already coming.

Thinking about doing a summer leisurely inquiry session. Perhaps form a small committee, RCIA ministry for hosting.

Maybe starting an annulment **mentoring group** to assist people with the processing of their annulments.

Need to think of pastoral ministry on a broader spectrum.

Chris Gould/KS - Social Concerns

Attending Fish Frys to market their group and is going well; couple committees have openings and are trying to get new people in. How can PPC better educate others/parishioners about the Social Concerns Committee to recruit other members.

Leann Magre - Youth

Work on building a Youth and Young Adult Committee. Emileigh is only part-time. She needs support to help get things going. This committee would need to include youth, young adults and a few supporting older parishioners who have some skill working with youth. We want to support them, not try to “fix” the youth or “straighten them out”.

Work to schedule ministry training just for youth and young adults. We believe if we plan a ministry training event geared toward this age group, we can begin to grow the number of younger individuals to be lectors, ushers, Eucharistic ministers, etc. Plus we could get them scheduled for Mass as part of the training, outline how valued they are to our Parish, and maybe identify future leaders.

Host a high school and college send-off event in August. In this event, we would focus on sending the youth to their next adventure. Introduce them to the ministry programs they have at their school they are going to, i.e. invite the campus ministers from Trinity, St. X, Assumption, Sacred Heart, Mercy. Have info about the Newman Centers at our in-state colleges. Invite the kids going to public high school to focus on using the youth program at St. Albert as their “campus ministry” program and support Emileigh’s work to outreach those kids. We may need a mail campaign as youth like to get their own mail at home. Send them off with a blessing and prayers for success.

Emileigh to ask the current youth if they want a youth-led Mass and begin planning. Instead of making 6:03 Mass the youth Mass, is there another way to engage them and begin building their consistent involvement? If they want to do this, it will take planning and support from our Parish leadership.

That is what we have started with. I have another meeting with the youth at the end of April. I think we will want to advertise this meeting a couple of weeks before in our announcements and even mail out letters to our youth. It would be great if we could get a larger group to come and share their thoughts about their participation at St. Albert.

Action Items, Concerns:

Is FD’s idea about specific grades attending specific masses has not moved forward yet. Is it on Worship or just FD, but should be a top priority on our Strategic Plan.

Chrism Mass on April 7th at 7pm and two people can attend. Kelly Dean and Mike Ahrens have volunteered to attend.

Four (4) slots open for PPC membership.

We have names from last year and can reach out to those individuals.

Sunday, May 31st is Pentecost.

Strategic Plan will be put together to kick off on July 1st.

MAY 18TH MEETING WILL BE SET FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING

Report out on paper so that we can use the entire time for Strategic Plan.

PPC Summer Workshop July 30th 6pm - 9:30pm

Next Meeting is ALL HANDS (2.5 hours) and is April 20, 2020

Start time 6:30pm

Closing Prayer