

West Allis Tri-Parish Council Meeting

January 4, 2016 at MQH

In Attendance:

Doug Barnes,	Dan LaFond,	Ken Brath,	Jackie Daveley,
Tom Healy,	Kass Lampone,	Mike Reger,	Rebecca Zangerle,
Kathy Marx,	Darryl Draeger,	Mary Lou Hopkins,	Paul Johnson,
David Reiner,	Ted Sternemann,	Clara Weinberger,	Nancy Wilde,
Fr. Jeff,	Sue Harrits,	Brad Bloch,	John Czepulis,
Grace Elliott,	John Gomez,	Devan Gracyalny,	Mary Maberry

Absent: Fr. Thomas, Gary Jensen

Call to order: 7 pm

Agenda: Motion to approve by Sue Harrits, seconded by Grace Elliott

November Minutes: The minutes were approved by consensus through e-mail.

Guest presentation:

A presentation entitled "Strategic Pastoral Planning Process" was given by Mark Kemmeter of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee Office of Planning and Councils. The 7 parishes of West Allis are viewed in two groups, the 4 parishes east of 92nd St. and the 3 parishes west of 92nd St (i.e. our "tri-parish"). The planning process would result in a plan for the next 3-5 years for the western tri-parish.

The steps included in the planning process are:

1. Preparation, including data collection and interviews
2. Create a document titled "Profiles and Possibilities"
3. Hold an "Envisioning our Future I" event in which 3 priorities are identified
4. Writing teams draft the plan
5. Review the draft "Strategic Plan" document
6. Hold an "Envisioning our Future II" event in which a plan is recommended
7. The council approves the plan
8. The council, through committees, oversees implementation of the plan

A handout named "Organization for West Allis parishes West Strategic Plan" was distributed.

Fr. Jeff noted that planning has been in process for 2 years. Data has been collected regarding our facilities and demographics, but financial summaries with 3-5 year projections are not yet available. We have not completed a visioning step and have not completed any interviews or surveys. Another factor to consider is how the management of our school by Seton Schools will affect our budgets.

There was some discussion about further possibilities for collaboration, with some ministries such as human concerns and religious education being better suited for citywide rather than tri-parish collaboration. Some ministries, such as ministry to the homebound, require a personal touch and therefore don't benefit much from further collaboration.

The interview and survey processes were discussed. We would get better results by selecting some participants randomly.

Discussion of Planning Process:

Much of the discussion was concentrated on parish locations. Some pertinent data are:

- St. Al's church property is appraised at \$1 mil.
- St. Al's other property is appraised at \$1 mil.
- The IHM property is appraised at \$2.2 mil and has \$1 mil of debt.
- The MQH property is appraised at \$1.3 mil.
- In 2 years, our cluster may only have 1 priest.
- About 2000 people attend Mass each week.

Darryl D. noted that building a new church building is not practical because financing guidelines would require 50% to 80% of funding in cash prior to construction. A new church building would cost much more than \$10 mil.

A question that remains open is whether we should use part or all of the process from the Office of Planning and Councils.

The discussion included the following points:

- Using resources from the Archdiocese will not incur any costs.
- The process could take a long time and could be wasted effort.
- The priests of West Allis invited the Office of Planning and Councils to speak to the pastoral councils.
- If Mark K. is involved, he would be impartial.
- A proven process could be more methodical and efficient than a process we create on our own.
- One possibility is to work on a plan on our own and then use the Office of Planning and Councils later.
- A couple questions that were raised are:
 - How do we get people back into church?
 - What would be the goals of a planning process?
- We decided to give this topic some more thought and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

- The committee reports should be given to the secretaries either by e-mail or hard copy before the next regular meeting.
- The Communications Committee should pick a chairperson and follow up on the items from the last meeting.
- A committee may be formed to work on a Mission Statement.

Next Meeting: Monday February 15th, 2016 at 7 pm

St. Aloysius Rectory basement – the rectory is just past the church on 93rd street,
South of Greenfield Ave on the East side of the street.

Minutes submitted by Mike Reger, Co-Secretary