

Pastoral Council Meeting

January 20,2022

Attended: Dirk Bartram, Sean Malone, Paul Sundberg, MaryAnn Draye, Gina Olsen, Pat Riley, Father Maurer and welcome new member, Abner Manahan.

Guest: Kathy Keck, St.Mark school principal.

Opening prayer: Father Maurer

Minutes:

Minutes of December meeting were reviewed and will be amended prior to posting.

Agenda:

Meeting was held virtually.

Meeting began with Kathy Keck presenting an explanation of the Classical Education program.

The goal is to have GOD as the center of everything and to include art, church history, and religion interwoven with academic basics.

There are three levels of teaching in the elementary level:

K-3- learn beginning basics.

4-5- read to learn,ask questions,begin debate skills.

6-8- begin to use critical thinking skills and research to find answers.

The teacher spent many hours learning the program by attending classes, reading, and weekly meeting to evaluate progress and support each other as this is a learning process for them .

They receive support from the National Society Institute for Classical Education.

Evaluation process includes:

Parental Feedback- they love it so far!!

Accreditation

MAP test

Increased enrollment

Community interest

Support from the Archdiocese.

Review of Call-a-thon pilot:

Held for two evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Had several voices messages and some disconnected numbers

Had 22% live calls- people were excited and appreciative of the call and enjoyed ending with prayer.

Some were not ready to return due to health concerns and others expressed needs for transportation.

Next steps:

Need to streamline data info for spreadsheet by updating phone numbers and e-mails.

Determine time frame- should not conflict with Synod listening event.  
Determine number of volunteers needed- hopefully, 20-30 so as to have 5 people each night.  
Training session to be February 10, 2022 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the office.  
Actual call-a-thon to be held late February to early March.

MaryAnn and Gina will revise the data sheet and call script pages.  
Dirk will devise schedule for volunteers to sign up.

Old Business:

Lighting in the church remains an issue in progress.

The damage to the principal's door has been repaired and is no longer an issue.

Closing prayer: Father Maurer

Next meeting: February 17, 2022 6:30-8:30 pm

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm