

Community Council Meeting
September 18, 2012

Attendees: Vicki Klima, Doug Mertz, Julie Borchart, Mike Lindseth, Tom Keane, Bruce Koehn, Shari Steffen, Eric Anderson, Fr. Murtaugh, Tony Anderson, Judy Ryan, Bob Gibbs, Diane Gast, Julie Warrick, Mary Frances Messer, Carrie Chevalier Mosher

Absent: none

August 2012 Minutes approved as written.

Minutes to be taken in the following order: September-Koehn, October-Keane, November-Lindseth, December-Messer, January-Steffen, February- Koehn, March-Keane, April-Lindseth, May-Messer, June-Steffen.

The Community Council welcomed Bob Gibbs as the new chair from the Worship Committee, replacing Eric Anderson

Archdiocesan Parish Pastoral Visit-

Vicki updated us on a process for a visit by Vicar Bob Schwartz on Feb 14th. Preparation includes a self-assessment which will be prepared by staff, with the assistance of the Ministry council chairs and their ministry council members at the October meeting. Each of the members will be asked to fill out survey for their ministry area. The due date for this assessment will be the November meeting. The final product could be either collation of, or the individual surveys. A short summary of the results will be discussed at the November meeting. The summary report is reviewed by the Vicar prior to his visit. After the February visit, the community will receive a report back from the Vicar to be used for enhancement of parish planning. Vicki will invite the entire community to fill-out a survey, if they wish.

Dates for Growing an Engaged Church Survey-

Growing an Engaged Church book was distributed to members to be read. A Handout was provided that included an explanation of the survey, a short description of the process and the questions on the survey. A two page description will be available for enquiring parishioners. Stewardship and Lay Leadership will be the leaders of this survey. The survey would be executed in late January, followed by a visit by the Gallop folks to explain results. Community leadership would then develop tactics to enhance our existing strategic plan. Lay Leadership would seek an acceptable minimum level of participation from the Gallop experts. At the suggestion of Mike Lindseth, the Community Council would then establish a "reach" goal for parish participation.

The Worship Committee invited the Community Council members to assist in welcoming visitors at the Eden Prairie Thanksgiving Interfaith Service on Sunday evening, November 18th.

A social event for the Community Council will be held at the "People's House" on Wednesday, October 3rd 6:00.

It was suggested that an All Leadership event be held upon the return of the Gallop survey results. Speakers could be the author of Growing an Engaged Church and/or a leader from a faith community that has successfully implemented the suggestions from the Gallop survey. The event could be scheduled in March or April followed by break-out sessions and a social hour.

Meeting was adjourned 9:37.

Notes respectfully submitted by Bruce Koehn