

Minutes: Wayne County Planning Team – March 5, 2018

Attendance: All present

The meeting was called order at 6:02pm at St. Michael's in Newark.

Deacon Bob Lee opened with a Prayer.

Deacon Bob asked for a motion to have January minutes approved if there were no additions or corrections. Motion was made by Carmella Owens and seconded by Martha Hegeman.

It was noted by Deacon Bob that items to be held on the Wayne County Planning website at DOR can only be loaded up by Shannon.

Shannon thanked everyone for their hard work and opened a presentation on Power Point showing the website. She pointed out that the timeline was not on the website because it is a working document and might shift as needed, so we did not want it to be confusing for those not in the planning group.. Most of the information we have is available to everyone! She handed out the scenarios sheet and Deacon Bob pointed out the visuals on the computer.

It was asked if Shannon could combine all the CMA population data to see the whole picture.

Mary Capone asked how Father Jesus fit it and Shannon explained that the Diocese is keeping Migrant Ministry church separate as far as the Masses, but we are still asked to support the ministry across the county.

We then looked at the presentations and evaluated Pastor/Parochial Vicar options for the parishes/churches involved. Shannon pointed out that Pastors are responsible for all aspects of the community where a Parochial Vicar has limited responsibilities.

Mergers are possible but not recommended- once done we can't undo them because they are not as flexible as a Cluster.

Fr. Dave mentioned no name changes as it is confusing.

We were asked to keep brainstorming and conversations within our group. Once we narrow scenarios down there will be public conversations with parishioners.

Scenarios:

Evaluate all scenarios. Annotate benefits and challenges for each on the template. Recommend for acceptance those scenarios you think will work and recommend for elimination those scenarios that you think will not work. Use the evaluation sheet to list the reasons to keep or eliminate.

Rich Molisani and Father Upson suggested we look at aging population and number of funerals.

Deacon Bob suggested we look at the natural affiliations.

Bob McNeil asked if closing a church was an option and Shannon said it might be but nothing like that is on the table at this time.

Shannon requested we review the Parish Ministries Assessment which is online on the website.

Shannon suggested one complete evaluation set from each Parish. Submit the packages to Deacon Bob as email attachments, by March 30th.

Meeting ended at 8:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary DeLisio