

St. Athanasius Parish

Parish Assessment & Renewal

Leadership Night Report

December 6, 2011

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Administration Commission

We are being good stewards of our limited resources and are keeping all channels of communication open.



The monthly meetings of the Communication Committee have focused on improvement of the parish website with proposals for redesign and maintenance being reviewed. This committee will also be meeting with Parish staff to improve coordination on their specific agendas. Buildings and Grounds: Prices for an accessible sidewalk or ramp for the Community Center are being solicited. Also, accessible restroom options are being studied for the Community Center. Vestibule improvements: This committee will be reviewing various furnishing options at some local supply stores in December. This commission is working on this project on a shared basis with the Worship Commission.

Outreach Commission

We are sent to care for the sick, those in need and to connect with the inactive.



Outreach to inactive parishioners: New insights and ideas on planning another 'Awakening Faith' program were discussed. A new session may start in Lent and a book, 'Catholics Can Come Home', will be used as a guide. Mailings, personal invitations, and pulpit announcements will be used to advertise this program.

*We Remember
 We Celebrate
 We Believe*



*We Are Family
 We Are Friends
 We Are Church*



Formation Commission

We are committed to life-long learning and discovering who God is in our lives.

A volunteer is still being sought to act as an 'Adult Faith Formation Seeker'. They would investigate local faith formation events in neighboring parishes and report their findings to the Faith Formation Director. Youth Ministry: New strategies are continually being discussed to increase participation among the youth of our parish. Religious Education: A new Summer Middle School Program is being discussed for 6th through 8th graders. A new 'Little Angels' group will be starting in January.



Worship Commission

We are a place where people can come for communal prayer and active involvement in worship

Ideas for improved use of the West alcove (on the alley side) was discussed with suggestions for focusing on the Holy Family. The goal is to renovate this area into a prayerful, peaceful and reflective space. Revised Mass Text: The implementation has made a smooth transition with the work of the Liturgy Planning Committee and the specific individuals in charge of education and music. The Gift Bearer Sign Up sheet initiative has been well received with 40% of slots filled through the remainder of the year. Efforts will continue to solicit volunteers for the 2012 year. Ushers / Altar Servers: Four new servers are being trained and one new usher has volunteered.

Community Commission

We are building relationships, volunteering and having fun together as a community.



Volunteer Coordinating Committee. New members who have volunteered last month are preparing to initiate this committee's efforts beginning in 2012. A Ministry Fair is a goal of this commission for Fall of 2012.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council discussed some ideas for the planned Information Night, which is tentatively slated to happen in September 2012. Prior to that there is much planning and work to be done to get it put together. Pastoral Council will be formulating a "mission statement" for the event, and will be working with the Community Commission as they coordinate the necessary resources to put it together.

