



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes September 25, 2007

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Martha Briggs, Jim Currey, Tony Kapkowski, Claudia McIvor, Karen Jensen, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, Michele Sobota, Ann Whitlock

Members Absent: Bob Schallerer, Lawton Swan

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. with prayer led by Karen Jensen. It was followed by reflection and sharing on Chapter Eleven of *From Maintenance to Mission* led Mary Naughton.

Minutes from the August 28th meeting were accepted as corrected: Paul Riley should be Paul Reilly; under the FFAC report, a core group has been formed to “plan and develop the process for the entire parish to participate in” Source and Summit.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- Work on the roof of Diffley Hall has not yet begun. We are waiting on the permit and availability of the contractor, and the work should start very soon.
- The Steering Committee for renovations to the church and school has met 4 times. They have interviewed 3 capital campaign companies and narrowed the list to 2. The committee is also reviewing the documents of the Church regarding building and renovation of churches. The group has also interviewed 6 architectural firms and 2 will probably be eliminated at the next meeting. Each of the remaining firms would be a good fit for us.
- The date of our December meeting is also the date of our Advent Reconciliation. It was agreed that we would try to do something with the staff in January instead of our December meeting. We should also take a look at whether we want to change our December meeting date or cancel the meeting to allow Council members to attend the Reconciliation service. It was agreed to decide this in November.
- Kathy Martin will be contacting those ministry leaders who have not already indicated that it is alright to include their contact information with the ministries booklet.
- Two years ago we did a luncheon for all our volunteers as a thank you for all their hard work. The Staff is considering doing this again on December 16. Perhaps it would be done later in the day, and Robert Todd would do Lessons and Carols as well. It was agreed that December is a really bad month for additional social activities. Fr. John will go back to the staff and suggest Jan. 20 or 27.
- As yet we have not hired a new Youth Minister. There is a core group of teachers who are working to get teens involved, and there are 5 who are doing *Source and Summit*. Jane Dawkins and others are trying to do something with middle school students. It is hoped we can work something out with a neighboring parish to hire a full-time person to serve both parishes, but that has not materialized.

Committee Reports

There were no questions on the written reports from SAC, Finance, Stewardship, and FFAC.

Old Business

Twining – Michele Sobota reported:

- The committee has agreed that we need to twin with a parish. They are now looking for a parish that mirrors Holy Family Parish and School in some way. Marj Logan will be contacting Sr. Eileen who can facilitate a connection for us with a parish in Haiti. They are also looking at possibilities in El Salvador. The group carefully examined the prayer they developed, and are experiencing a sense of renewal.

Parish Photo Directory - Michele Sobota reported:

- The Directory is now in print. Michele will put a notice in the Bulletin.

M/OMs – Mary Naughton reported:

- The evaluations from the September 9 M/OMs meeting were very positive, and Marty Brinsko did an outstanding job on her one-on-one invitation presentation. The next meeting is scheduled for February 17, and the main focus will be on having the various groups share with each other. This has been a long-standing request.

F.A.S.T Ann Whitlock reported:

- Members of Holy Family were in attendance at both County Council budget hearings and spoke in support of restoring the \$5,000,000 to the Housing Trust fund.
- The Annual Assembly is to be at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very important meeting on October 22. The issues to be pursued for the Nehemiah Assembly will be decided at this

- The other big dates are March 10, 2008, for the Rally, and April 7, 2008 for the Nehemiah Action Assembly.
- At the present time, there are 63 network members, and that number is expected to reach 75.

Coffee and Donuts – It was agreed to table this item until next month.

Childcare: Ann Whitlock reported:

- She and Karen are talking with Peter Andre and Ann is gathering ideas and feedback, and is including the cry room. The logistics need to be worked out as well as identifying a location and a person to take the lead for childcare during the 9:00 AM Mass. Once that is started we can look at providing childcare for other activities.

Pastoral Council Mission Statement:

- It was agreed to remove the “eyes and ears” phrase and re-work the bullet items to reflect the change. It will then be posted on the Pastoral Council web page.

Pastoral Council Support of School/Adopt-A-Class/Auction:

- Karen collected donations for Adopt-A-Class. Later she will collect donations again for our support of the Auction.

Pastoral Council Web Page:

- Karen will take a photo of those present immediately after the meeting. This will be posted on our web page..

New Business

Time and Talent Fair:

- Mary asked what materials should be distributed or available at our table. It was agreed that we would have copies of our Mission Statement, Charter, and Nomination Forms. She and Jim Currey will be contacting each member to schedule them for doing the survey and manning the table.
- Michele asked for comments and suggestions on her proposed clipboard questions. It was agreed to delete the first question.

Renovations Steering Committee:

- Fr. John will follow up on getting information out to the general parish. It was agreed that we need to keep this in front of our parishioners, and have regular updates.

International Food Festival:

- Bob Metz requested support for the Food Festival. Volunteer help is needed, and we could still have additional ethnic foods added to the list.

Council adjourned at 8:37 p.m. with the Evangelization Prayer. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2007, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton