



Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes May 26, 2009

“Journey with Us Building God’s Holy Family”

Members in Attendance: Fr. John Tapp, Martha Briggs, Jim Currey, Patricia Eley, Mark Hanks, Tony Kapkowski, Tara Kenyon, Claudia McIvor, Bob Metz, Mary Naughton, Juan Ocano, George Pioli, Michele Sobota

Members Excused: Michelle Klima, Ann Whitlock

Guest: Rhonda Mahaz

The Pastoral Council meeting opened at 7:04 PM with prayer led by Michele Sobota. Introductions followed since there George Pioli and Michelle Klima are the two new members who were discerned. After a brief recap of the Discernment meeting, it was suggested that we again review the process with possible consideration for dismissing the candidates and having a closed meeting of Council members to discern the new members. This was followed by reflection on the Gospel for May 31 led by Chio Ocano.

Stewardship Plans

Rhonda Mahaz, Chairperson of the Stewardship Council, presented plans for a gathering on September 26 of ministry leaders. It would be held following the 5 PM Mass in Diffley Hall. The intent is to provide a casual, informal environment for doing some brainstorming about what works and doesn’t work in getting more people involved in their ministries. It’s always the same people who participate, and there are many more people who needed. In addition, the Stewardship Council is taking on the task of keeping our Parish Data System updated and twice each year we will be asking ministry leaders to update the information. This will allow us to have a better sense of who is active, and will enable us to do a better job of volunteer appreciation if we have more accurate data. Stewardship Council members will become more involved in the Welcoming process for new parishioners by attending the welcoming sessions and recruiting on the spot. Pastoral Council will continue to be kept informed of the activities of the Stewardship Council so we can work together to increase participation in the mission of our parish.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the March 31st meeting were accepted as amended – spell “enrolment” with one “l” and the date of the Discernment should be May 17.

Pastor’s Report

Fr. John Tapp reported:

- The school renovations are on track to start June 8. We will be looking at ways to keep the capital campaign and renovations in front of the parish, especially when this first phase of renovations is completed.
- At this time we are looking at keeping the Holy Family Youth Ministry focus on middle school students. Katie Muller, the Notre Dame University Echo Program student interning at St. Paul’s, will continue working with the high school students, including those from Holy Family who wish to participate. Bernie Calvert is working on our youth ministry as part of his LPMI program. We also have an experienced youth minister who is acting as a resource for us for a small stipend. It is hoped that we can get some 9th graders to get involved to serve as mentors and leaders of our group. It was noted that there were more than 100 students who attended the middle school dance.
- Claudia McIvor noted that the Wittine family (Paul, Anne, and Lauren) was so impressed with the Teen version of the Great Adventure Bible Timeline that they want to work to get it started here.
- September 26 there will be a “Day” for liturgical ministries that will begin with a keynote speaker and separate into individual ministries with special emphasis on ushers and greeters. The children serving in these ministries will be included.

Liaison Committee Reports

Stewardship Council – Written report.

Finance Council – No written report. Chio noted that they are working on the budget, and there still are hopes of reducing the APA shortfall. They will have a meeting in June.

S.A.C. – Written report. Tony Kapkowski noted that there will be a June meeting to wrap up everything. The Golf Tournament is now scheduled for June 26.

AFF – Written report. Bob Metz reported that Linda Johnston is hoping to have 3 certified catechists for each grade so we can be sure of having coverage.

Old Business

- **Capital Campaign Report** – Bob reported that as of the end of April there are 624 donors, and the pledged total is at \$1,989,000. The committee will work to get it over 2 million. They are also working to get the diocesan paperwork straightened out. There are a number of potential lead gift donors who have not yet been contacted, and that is being pursued.
- **Deanery Planning Process** – Chio reported that there were two “town hall” meetings – Sunday, May 17 after the 9:00 Mass, and Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. About 24 people attended the Sunday meeting, and 8 attended the Thursday evening group. The committee will meet to put together a report based on the discussions that will go forward to the Diocese. In the “town hall” meetings many people suggested that we start now to take some of the measures that may soon be required, especially the sharing of ministries with other parishes. The emphasis seemed to be on doing more for our youth.
- **Y-Nite** – Tara Kenyon reported that she is waiting for a call from the YMCA about the date. She will be meeting with Bob to get information on previous years. She plans to reach out to people who have not been involved. It was noted that Y-Nite is youth ministry!
- **Senior Social Activities** – Mark Hanks reported that 10 people attended the second Mass and Meal event. They went back to Village Inn, and had excellent discussions and suggestions for future activities. A few who attended the first event are “snow birds” so there were new folks attending. The next event will include a potluck dinner at someone’s home in hopes of attracting additional single men.
- **Child Care Ministry** – Claudia reported that there will be a meeting on June 3, at 7:00 PM, to brainstorm about the future of the Child Care Ministry. So far the attendees include Ann Whitlock, Linda Johnston, Mark Hanks, Bob, Metz, and Claudia. This meeting is a one-time event and other interested folks are invited to attend.

Open Discussion

- **Certificates for Sponsorship** – a question was raised about why someone would be turned down for a certificate to serve as a baptismal sponsor because they did not put envelopes in the collection basket. Fr. John noted that such certificates for sponsors for baptism and confirmation are attesting that the person is a faithful practitioner of the Catholic faith. The envelope is the only way we currently have of tracking whether or not someone is regularly attending Mass, a key factor in determining whether or not someone is a faithful practitioner. When someone objects to this measurement, it is usually someone who actually does not, by their own admission, attend Mass.
- **Self Study Process** – Claudia is now forming a committee to work on the self study process we will be entering soon. We need to look at the previous self-study as well as the resources that are available to help with the process. The group will probably not begin work on this multi-year project over the summer. Pat Eley, George Pioli, Tony, Bob and Mary agreed to be involved.

Commissioning Date Change

It was agreed to move the Commissioning of Pastoral Council to September 20 at the 11:00 Mass.

Election of Officers

The following were elected as the Pastoral Council Officers for 2009-2010:

President – Claudia McIvor

President-Elect – Juan (Chio) Ocano

Secretary – Mary Naughton

Council adjourned at 9:15 PM with the prayer led by Fr. John. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 25, 2009**, in the Church Office, Room 201, at 7 PM. Parishioners are always invited, and are encouraged to attend.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Naughton