

Church of the Crucifixion
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
12 Sep 2011

Attendees: Msgr. Rich, Dave Papak, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Steve Schaffer, Wendi Crout, Sean LeDoux, Joyce Smith, Bill Stinchcomb, Corey Snowberger, Larry Hartman, Joyce Van Blunk, Christopher Smith

Report from the Coordinating Council (Joyce Van Blunk):

- The coordinating council is now called the Advisory Committee
- Goals are now referred to as “guiding principles”
- Thanksgiving Day Mass will be held at St. Phillip Neri
 - Holy Trinity responsible for providing lectors and ushers
 - CoC collection of food goods and distribution (Alma is CoC POC)
- There will be a scaling back of weekday masses
- Advisory Committee is taking a look at how Adult Formation will be conducted in the future
- Dee Callahan is Dave’s substitute on the committee; there will be two openings next year.

Welcome new members on CoC Parish Council

- Dave Hartman
- Bill Stinchcomb
- Corey Snowberger (alternate)
- Joyce Van Blunk (alternate)

Review of June minutes (All):

- Due to late submission and an inadequate time to review, the minutes were not voted upon
- Council Chair (Dave Papak) instructed members to provide any changes directly to Christopher Smith

Establishment of Joint Executive Committee

- Meets the 3rd week of month
- Consists of chair and vice chair of parish councils from the three linked parishes (CoC, HT, GS)
- Purpose is to plan the items for the individual parish council meetings

Parish Council Retreat

- Will be for the members of the parish councils for the three linked parishes
- Held at Spalding

Discussion items (All):

- Calendar items
 - Parish picnic is this Sunday; confirmed count is already over 210
 - Bible study start is delayed one week

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- Wed/Thur/Fri – Fr. Tony will be leading a rosary prior to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (Oct 7)
- Parish Facilities
 - Mitch Rubin, an engineer at Good Shepherd, will be looking at some of the needs for CoC and reporting back to the parish leadership
 - Need to reestablish the parish facilities committee to set priorities for work needed around the parish
- “State of the Parish” meeting
 - To be held early 2012
- Haiti Outreach
 - What is our next level of engagement?
 - Invite Gail back to speak to council
- Operation “Welcome Home”
 - Welcoming back troops who are transitioning back to the US
 - How can we get our parish involved?

Report from the Pastor (Msgr. Rich Bozelli)

- Registration for combined religious education program began
 - Registration numbers appear to be on par with previous years
 - Approximately 300 families
 - Three families registered for home schooling (Sandy Klohr will assist)
- Considering “Christ the Teacher” as the collective title for all religious education (i.e. elementary, youth, and adult)
- Finances
 - Msgr Rich will publish an annual report no later than the first week of October
 - Intent is to raise the level of understanding and awareness regarding the parish finances
 - November will focus on stewardship
 - How to approach it
 - How to ask for funds
 - Msgr Rich’s philosophy is to ask for a single substantial commitment rather than nickel and dime parishioners
 - CoC finances are about “breaking even”
 - We owe \$42,000 in back taxes to archdiocese
 - Archdiocese has allowed CoC second collections to be free from archdiocesan tax until Feb 2012
 - CoC has the money to pay back archdiocese but it will reduce CoC’s savings to ~\$70K (ideally it would be ~\$250k)
 - Will pay back the archdiocese but request to keep CoC second collections free from archdiocesan tax until Feb 2012 to help raise capital.
 - The most disconcerting issue regarding CoC finances is that 20% of our income is from BINGO, a fundraiser. It is suppose to be an extra, to help

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create a surplus or raise money for a special event, not a primary contributor to our operating costs.

- Archdiocesan Capital Campaign
 - CoC will begin in June 2012
 - Target is 1.2 times the annual collection
 - CoC will receive 20% up to the target amount and 80% of everything above
 - This is tied to facilities committee
 - In order to get people to commit funds, we need to have talking points that clearly express where the parish's needs are
- Evangelization
 - What are we doing to grow ourselves?
- Parishioners at CoC
 - Independent minded leaders of various committees and ministries
 - They get things done (a plus)
 - They resist outside influence and cooperation (a negative)
 - Need to strike a balance
- Parish bulletin inserts
 - Not to be used as an advertisement tool
 - Their use must be minimized to things such as announcements from archdiocese, significant events.
 - Each insert will be considered on a case by case basis