

Church of the Crucifixion
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
13 July 2010

Attendees: Fr. Rich, Fr. Kevin, Dave Papak, Steve Schaffer, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Kathy Johnson, Adrian Flores (and father), Bill Stinchcomb, Jim & Evelyn Dunne, Sandy Klohr, Joyce Smith, Maria McLamb, Christopher Smith

7:15pm Meeting opened with prayer by Fr. Rich

Report from the Pastor (Fr. Kevin):

- Asked council members to consider what the vision of the council is
 - What is the mission statement and vision statement for the parish?
 - These need to be reviewed
 - Possibly inserted into the Pastoral Plan
- Fiscal year versus calendar year?
 - What makes better sense for the council?
- Previous experiences with pastoral councils
 - People without any planning backgrounds are suddenly placed in roles that demand vision and planning
 - Counter-productive
 - Meetings digress into “reporting meetings”
 - Not a fan of meetings just to have meetings
 - There are other ways to report status of a program/project that don’t require meetings

Report from the Pastor (Fr. Rich):

- Previous experience with pastoral councils
 - Councils are best when they have a vision or goal
 - Don’t try to deal with every issue
 - Councils are best when people speak from their own experience and opinions and not “on behalf” of parishioners.

Report from the Chair (Dave Papak):

- Have often wondered what is the vision?
- Where is the parish going? What is the 5-10 year vision/plan
- The Pastoral Plan is a “to-do list”

Report from Coordinating Council (Kathy Johnson):

- Background for new priests
 - Council meets monthly for past two years
 - 10 goals established for cluster
 - Three representatives per parish
 - Chairperson of the pastoral council gets a copy of Coordinating Council Meetings notes
 - Cluster event
 - 1st year – Baysox game
 - 2nd year – no event
 - 3rd year (this year) – Pilgrimage/tour of Cathedral

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- Sep 25th
- Mary Giesey is our parish representative
- Additional ministries being considered
 - Young adult ministry
 - Divorced ministry

Report from Adrian Flores (Eagle Scout Project):

- At last meeting , Fr. DeAscanis insisted that a professional contractor be secured for the project
 - Paul Lee Stitchcomb will oversee the project
- Brick sale
 - \$60 per brick
 - Needed to sell 60 bricks to finance project– 63 sold so far!!
 - 900+ available
 - Will continue to offer bricks for purchase
 - The statue has been purchased
 - The engraved bricks should be delivered on July 21st
- Project weekend July 31st/Aug 1st
- Will call Ms. Utility this week
- Will remove old signage as part of the project
- All must be completed by Aug 12th (Adrian's 18th birthday)

Discussion/Approval of June Minutes (All):

- Are the minutes from the meetings on the website? (Evelyn)
 - Answer: The minutes had been faithfully posted until April 2010; Christopher will investigate why it stopped and will fix the process.
- Minutes approved at 8:20pm

Discussion on Pastoral Plan (All):

- Insert Parish mission statement
 - Done
- Insert list of ministries on new plan
 - Done
- Insert Council Members' contact information
 - Partially done
- Number pages
 - Done
- Put update ministries list in plan with points of contact
 - Partially done

Discussion Items (All):

- Council Calendar
 - Do we have one?
- Parish website
 - Trinity's is done; CoC is still ongoing

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- Parish Picnic
 - Last meeting was on 12 July; everything is on track
 - Committee heads have been appointed
 - Mass for the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross will be held on 12 September at 10:30am Mass (only one)
 - Picnic will be from noon to 4 pm
 - Invite former pastors/associates
 - Alma is taking care this

Commission Reports

- Pastoral Outreach (Lorraine Jacukiewicz)
 - Operation Christmas Child
 - Planning started: will start October and ship in November
- Faith Formation (Sandy Klohr)
 - Religious Education registrations have been mailed out
 - Children's VBS- registration not doing well (only 11 registered)
 - Have materials for up to 40
 - Usual advertising being used
 - Hopefully numbers will increase this week with last minute registrations
 - Is this a worthwhile event for next year?

Future Agenda Items:

- Gifted and Talented workshops
 - Councils invited from Cluster
 - Ann Nelson, St. Philip Neri
- Pictorial Directory for parish?
- Parish census
 - Have envelopes picked up vice being mailed?
- Next meeting 10 Aug.