

Minutes – November 11, 2008

Topics Discussed:

- New Deacon
- Report from the Cluster
- Updated goals for Community Life and Pastoral Outreach
- Our Daily Bread

In attendance: Fr. DeAscanis, Jim Sadler, Dave Reedy, Karen Bryant, German Flores, Ellen Marshall, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Laura Loucaides, John Loucaides, Susan Weber, Sandy Klohr, Bob Gieseey, Fr. Jarboe

- I. Report of the Pastor
 - a. Looking forward to Advent – planning liturgical traditions
 - b. Updating files as a parish – STAND training, etc.
 - i. The leaders of every parish minister need to keep track of who has been trained, who needs to be trained, and who needs to have the training updated; may have a meeting in the near future with all the ministry leaders to communicate this – sometimes getting forms back is difficult
 - ii. Also updating job descriptions, other parish files
 - c. Fr. Jarboe and Fr. DeAscanis meet weekly to discuss the parish and talk about what's going on
 - i. Fr. Jarboe is pastor of CoC, HT, GS; Fr. DeAscanis is associate pastor of CoC and GS – just lives at HT
 - d. A new deacon, Robert Herzog, has been assigned to CoC and GS, helping out some at HT – deacons are ordinary ministers of sacraments, outside of mass
 - e. Men in Black basketball game Friday night at 7 pm; Holy Trinity is organizing a tailgate party two hours before the game – talking up priesthood and religious life
 - i. Cluster activities reflect our limited numbers of priests; we need vocations – this needs to start at a family level; we have to be encouraging vocations amongst our children and young people; MiB is one fun way of talking about vocations
 - f. Stewardship: trying to move forward with the bathroom renovations; splitting the contract into two parts: one to accommodate construction of new facilities, the other for renovation of existing facilities; must also include the insulation and sound proofing
 - g. Christmas schedule will remain the same as past years, except the 10 a.m. mass will be at 9:30
- II. Report of the Chair
 - a. Reminder that we can move forward on objectives before the final word-smithing is complete

- b. As people approach you about things regarding the council, please remind them of our role as a Pastoral Council
- c. Three parishioners represent the parish on the cluster coordinating committee: Dave Reedy, Kathy Johnson, Joe Kursch

III. Report from Coordinating Council (of the cluster), by Dave Reedy

- a. Coordinating Council has a website: www.ccnaac.goodshepherdgb.org
 - i. There are links to each cluster parish
 - ii. There will be an insert about the cluster/coordinating council in a future bulletin (in January), and they would also like the priest to give a short blurb after Communion
 - iii. The cluster has been working on ten goals; the website is goal number 7: communication – the intent is to encourage people to look towards the cluster as a community, not just the parish; we are all welcome to attend services and events at the cluster parishes, and do not need to limit ourselves to the parish community
 - iv. They would also like to have a quarterly bulletin insert
 - v. Another point that was brought up at the last meeting: what happens when a priest does not show up for mass? Do we have procedures in place to run a communion service, and how would that meet our Sunday obligations? Trying to get the archbishop to address this issue
 - 1. Fr. Jarboe: the Church already has procedures in place for occasions when a priest is unable to be present to celebrate mass; first, we are all able to go celebrate mass somewhere else; second, each parish might create a user-friendly resource to make it easier to understand and follow the normal Church ritual.
 - 2. With regard to the hand-out – the pastoral leaders have reviewed it and are making a few changes to clarify the language, etc. The cluster arrangement was our own doing – the archdiocese recommended that parishes work together, but did not mandate which parishes would work with each other
 - 3. some discussion on whether the pastoral leaders or the parish coordinating council representative will share the thoughts on the cluster in January
 - 4. the pastoral leaders have met twice, and have dates to meet monthly through June
 - 5. (Pastoral Leaders are: Ann McDonald, Fr. Jarboe, Fr. DeAscanis, Fr. Dale)

IV. Pastoral Planning – Community Life

- a. Have an activity board that promotes activities well in advance, rather than relying only on the bulletin for announcements; also explain in the same location why the event is related to our Christian life
- b. Getting middle-school/high-school kids involved in ministry/activities

- i. We need to get kids involved at an earlier age, in order to keep them involved as adults, later
 - c. Goal 2, objective 3 – have movies and conversations with kids after mass on Sunday, or on Saturdays, etc. – for example, “Bella”
 - d. 1:3 – a list of activities being proposed by the Boy Scouts

- V. Pastoral Planning – Pastoral Outreach
 - a. Filled in objectives for goals 1 and 2
 - b. Moved the goal for increased participation in the MD Catholic Conference from Stewardship to Pastoral Outreach
 - c. Now, we need to send this completed document back down to the individual ministries to take a look at, polish, and implement
 - d. **Big Question: Who will be responsible for implementing each goal and objective?** How do we make sure that each one gets implemented? (lots of ideas presented and discussed)
 - e. We’ve got to make sure that all of our ministries are pulling in the same direction, working on the same big picture – the difference between doing versus accomplishing
 - f. Fr. Jarboe and Fr. DeAscanis will meet with the Executive Committee before the next meeting, to try to firm up some details

- VI. One Small Christian Community immediately responded to a need that Our Daily Bread has to fill empty shelves, by volunteering to make casseroles
 - a. Should this project be expanded to involve the whole parish?
 - b. The question before the Council: do we want to include this as an objective for the Pastoral Plan? How often, how, would we coordinate with SPN? How often would we be able to do this?

- VII. Updates/Announcements/Changes
 - a. Faith Formation – the first two Fridays in Advent, at GS, there will talks given on the Infant of Prague and maybe Our Lady of Guadalupe, with Adoration
 - b. Ellen submitted a thank-you letter for the Boy Scouts to the bulletin
 - c. October minutes approved
 - d. 50/50 raffle for the Altar Society – has raised \$460; this goes into the parish account, and will be credited to the line item for Altar Society
 - e. Bake Sale: November 23