

Pastoral Council Minutes – January 13, 2009

In attendance: Susan Weber, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Pat Ditzel, Jim Sadler, Laura Loucaides, John Loucaides, Fr. DeAscanis, Dave Reedy

- I. Report from the Coordinating Committee (Cluster) – Dave Reedy
 - a. This weekend – bulletin insert and brief talk after each mass about the Cluster. The same talk will be given at each parish.
 - b. Goal # 5 – utilize lay leaders – there will be a call for what ministries we have and who the leaders are.
 - i. Training for lay leaders - What is a lay leader? Is it just the person who heads a ministry? Is it anyone who participates in a ministry? We need a solid definition of what a lay leader is, before bringing in resources to train them. People respond best to a personal invite to head up ministry.
 - ii. Head counts have been done at daily masses and other sacramental services; participation and numbers should be factored into the decisions when creating schedules
- II. Report from the Pastor
 - a. Fr. handed out a flow-chart from Fr. Jarboe that shows how our parish and ministry is organized
 - b. Contract for bathroom renovations has been signed; down-payment submitted
 - i. Some discussion about the disposition of the cry-room – trying to get it treated as an extension of the church, not a separate room; storing less and lowering the shades when meetings are held there
 - ii. Diocese gave us a grant of \$6,000 for it; the maintenance collection will be put towards this effort for three months; the total project is about \$30,000
 - c. The Crucifix in front of the church was destroyed again; the vandals broke it and left the pieces in the yard
 1. questions of church security and visibility; people are loitering, leaving beer cans, etc.
 2. motion-sensor lights, cameras, etc.
 - d. Archbishop’s Annual Appeal – first three weeks of February; the funds go to schools, parishes, pro-life work, St. Vincent de Paul Society within the diocese
 - e. “Leave the Lights On” – every Wed. night in Lent, each parish will be open, with a priest available, and Confession will be offered in every parish in the diocese
 - f. Cardinal’s goals: **promote respect for life and counter the culture that strips away that respect**; we have reinvigorated the pro-life movement here in our parish – a bus will transport parishioners to the March for Life on Jan. 22; **vocations** – we want to start a vocations committee; **evangelization** – we do this in various ministries, but need to focus on it more specifically

- III. Report from the Chair
 - a. An e-mail was received by the Council; Jim will respond to clarify the fact that the Pastoral Council is not involved in these decisions
 - i. Fundraisers used to be submitted to the Finance Committee for approval; currently, fundraisers simply need to be approved by the priest
- IV. Nominations and Voting for the Executive Council
 - a. will be postponed until February because so many people are absent tonight
- V. Nominations and Voting for new Council Members
 - a. We need to start the process for this, and to find someone willing to head up the committee for it – an ad hoc selection committee should be selected by March 31
 - b. We want to spell out what the Pastoral Council is – both so that people can know what they're getting themselves into, as well as to inform the parish in general about our role
 - c. We need to get the nominations, have a day of reflection for the nominees to understand and pray about the Council, then have the votes
 - d. Voting this spring for three general members and two alternate members
 - e. Selection will be held in May
- VI. Pastoral Planning
- VII. December Minutes – approved for posting