

Minutes – February 10, 2009

In attendance: German Flores, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Fr. DeAscanis, Joe Kursch, Jim Sadler, Pat Ditzel, John Loucaides, Laura Loucaides, Ellen Marshall, Sandy Klohr, Bob Giese, Fr. Jarboe

- I. Report of the Pastor
 - a. We are about to begin the budgeting process for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1
 - i. Jim Fehr will ask the ministries to review their budgets for the year
 - ii. So far, we are ahead of our budget; we anticipated being \$7,000 beyond our income by now, but so far we are only \$1,000
 - iii. Our budget will look different next year; we will begin paying the back taxes (Cathedra) to the Archdiocese, as well as begin saving more for special maintenance projects; a budget will be presented to the Council in May
 - b. Archbishop's Appeal – next two Sundays
 - c. Lent is coming; normal Lenten schedule from years past will remain the same; Wednesdays in Lent from 7-8:30 – Leave the Light On
 - d. Feb. 21 – dinner and movie (Fireproof); all are welcome
 - e. Winter Relief went well last week

- II. Report of the Coordinating Council (Joe Kursch)
 - a. Had a meeting with pastors and cluster representatives
 - b. Reminder to visit the website: www.ccnac.org
 - c. Discussion revolved around ministry – what are lay leaders? Opinions ranged from appointed heads of ministry to every volunteer; have not resolved the issue yet
 - d. Discussion at previous meeting about lack of volunteers, and how to solve that – whether volunteers should be sought to fill posts, or work with the entire community to have people discern their calling; St. Philip Neri has begun a program to help people discern their calling; St. Bernadette hasn't yet begun a program, but shares the same view as Neri; Fr. Jarboe also shares the opinion – this, then, is the recommendation of the committee, to find ways to help people recognize their calling
 - e. Fr. Jarboe: Volunteer isn't really the right word for baptized Catholics in ministry; Co-Workers in the Vineyard is a document from the U.S. Bishops a few years ago that may help with the discussion
 - f. Fr. DeAscanis: anyone who serves the parish in any capacity is directly serving God; we need to resist the temptation to view it as *work*, and remember that it is service for God

- III. Nominations for Council Officers
 - a. We currently have chair, vice-chair, recording secretary, and corresponding secretary

- i. Do we want to continue to have four officers, or combine the two secretary positions and have three officers?
 - 1. after checking the Constitution, we realized that we only included three officer positions
 - b. Chair: Jim accepted the nomination and agreed to continue serving as the chair
 - c. Vice-chair: Ellen Marshall has accepted and agreed to serve as vice-chair
 - d. Secretary: No nominations were accepted. Laura has agreed to continue as secretary until such time as the pastors appoint a new member, and she resigns from the Council

IV. Pastoral Council Elections

- a. Ellen: someone suggested having a Town Meeting with the pastors and the Council to discuss and ask questions – that could be a forum to start looking for new members for the Council; pastors are open to the idea, but there needs to be an agenda and purpose set; perhaps a discussion with the parish about the way a parish works – the roles of the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, the way decisions get made, etc.
 - i. Parish Governance – how we operate as a parish; physical plant update – here’s what we’ve fixed, expect to replace; liturgical stuff; financial stuff; Council role – present a rationale for everything
 - ii. It’s been 6-8 months since the staffing has been finalized; an opportunity to inform the parish about the pastoral realities that are being tended to; hear from parishioners any thoughts and concerns they may have; introduce the process for the Pastoral Council
 - iii. Ellen and Lorraine will head up the process to set this up
- b. Fr. Jarboe: before we begin the nomination process for the elections, have an info session to explain the role of the council and what the service requires
- c. Selection Committee: Lorraine presented the Council with the name of someone who may be interested in serving on the committee
- d. This spring: elect 3 members and 2 alternates

V. Pastoral Planning Process

- a. Completed the Stewardship and Pastoral Outreach objectives to finish our Pastoral Plan!

VI. Information Items

- a. Stewardship has purchased a digital converter box for the TV downstairs
- b. Bathroom project has slowed down by the permit process – it’s taking a bit longer than expected
- c. Two volunteers have stepped up to work with the youth
- d. The Crucifix outside has been restored; the outdoor St. Francis statue has been stolen; also, some of the candles ordered by the Altar Society have gone missing – need a lock on the closet door

e. January minutes – approved

VII. Future Agenda Items

- a. Need to find another place to hold CCD – we won't be able to rent the elementary school any more. Ideas?
 - i. Catholic facilities available: Slade, Good Shepherd
 - ii. We average between 50 and 60 students per year; we have 5 classes
 - iii. Keeping it on Sunday – utilizing all the rooms in the rectory
 - iv. Use current church facilities on Sunday, or use another facility on a different day?
 - v. Use partitions in the church hall? Put two classrooms in the back of the hall?