

Pastoral Council Meeting – March 9, 2009

In attendance: Sandy Klohr, Susan Weber, Fr. DeAscanis, John Loucaides, Ellen Marshall, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Pat Ditzel, Laura Loucaides, Kathy Johnson, Bob Gieseey, Fr. Jarboe

- I. Report of the Pastor
 - a. Beginning the budget process; Jim Fehr is distributing budget sheets to various ministry groups (not every individual ministry, but the larger groupings)
 - b. We still owe a debt to the diocese (Cathedratica), and will start paying that off now; also beginning to plan for savings; tightening the budget to accommodate these things
 - c. Bathroom renovations – have settled the contract; it's now under the review of the diocese, which must give approval before the work starts
 - d. Special Lenten effort in the diocese – Wed. nights “The Light is On;” – had a good turn-out last week, and will continue to promote it
 - e. Beginning to promote Triduum, as well – RCIA this year is a group of 15 combined from CoC and Good Shepherd; they will all receive the sacraments at the Easter Vigil here
 - f. Movie night went well in February
 - g. Still encouraging the Archbishop's Annual Appeal

- II. Report of the Chair
 - a. We're still looking for someone to head up the selection committee
 - b. Pastoral Plan – the final copy was sent via e-mail; approved by the pastor; we'd like to introduce it at the Town Hall meeting; will be posted on the website
 - i. One change – cry room to be called Quiet Room
 - ii. Should “check-in” on each item at least twice a year (Jan. and May) and reflect on which items are being tended to and accomplished
 - iii. Identify several objectives that we would like to address during the remainder of this year; each council member has six “points” to assign to objectives and should e-mail Jim or John their thoughts
 - c. we also need a chair for an ad hoc committee to head up the Parish Picnic; should have this by the end of April; the Parish Picnic will take place on Sept. 13

- III. Report from the Coordinating Council
 - a. Met Feb. 23 at St. Philip Neri; reviewed the coordinating council's rules and goals
 - b. Want to preserve the identity of each parish; they serve as an advisory board for the pastoral leaders
 - c. Feedback from the bulletin insert: people are concerned about the equitable distribution of daily mass throughout the parishes; the pastoral

leaders also agree that this is a concern, and plan to address it at their next meeting

- d. Would like to generate a common list of ministry leaders across the parishes, that would be kept by secretaries and used to help people get in touch with each other
- e. Discussion of a combined training (formation) for lectors
- f. Communication of events – the website receives information from all parishes, and has directions to each parish; still working on getting events around the cluster advertised in each parish
- g. Next meeting of the pastoral leaders will take place in April (they meet quarterly)

IV. Town Hall Meeting

- a. Ellen and Lorraine presented the Council with a proposed agenda for a town hall meeting
- b. Parish Operations
 - i. How we work
 - ii. What we are planning to do
 - iii. Facility updates
 - iv. Financial updates
 - v. Cluster update
 - vi. Coming attractions: parish picnic, feast day, etc.
- c. create handouts – maybe some welcome packets for new members, with lists of ministries, etc.
- d. would like to hold this immediately after 11 am mass one week
- e. date set: Sunday, April 19, 12:45-2:30
- f. John and Laura: skeletal power point for the meeting
- g. Sandy – religious ed.; Jim – role of pastoral council; coordinating council member

V. Pastoral Council and Discernment

- a. Three positions to be elected; two alternates
- b. Opening prayer; Explanation of the role of the council; Q&A about gifts each individual may bring to the council
- c. Election: May 17
- d. Discernment: May 2, 5:30 p.m.

VI. CCD – where will classes be held?

- a. Sandy would like to continue meeting on Sundays, and use the rectory, hall, and quiet room
 - i. Intercessory prayer would need to relocate; Lorraine suggested that they use the reconciliation room
 - ii. One group in the hall; one in the quiet room; rectory basement; rectory meeting room; rectory dining room
 - iii. Still discussing whether or not to partition the hall for two classes

VII. Information Items

- a. Liturgy – getting ready for Easter; advertised for help with cleaning the church – so far, only one person has volunteered; need at least three
- b. Fr. DeAscanis: something to consider - tuition assistance; how much do we currently allocate to this, and how much do we want to? How much do we want to promote the idea; how much can we give?
- c. Social Outreach: the county will be hosting another Homeless Resource day; looking for volunteers; contact Lorraine or Alma for more information; will be held at Annapolis High School

VIII. Concluding Items

- a. February Minutes – approved
- b. Future Agenda Items: prioritization exercise for pastoral plan objectives; send objectives with your six points to John