

Pastoral Council Meeting – April 17, 2008

In attendance: Jim Sadler, John Loucaides, Fr. Jarboe, Laura Domen, Pat Ditzel, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Bob Giesey, Susan Weber

- I. Report of the Pastor
 - a. As noted in bulletin, Jim Dunne and Paul Higgins are receiving a medal of honor; congratulations to them.
 - b. The office has had computer problems lately; we received an assessment and recommendations from the IT team of the Archdiocese. Work is needed on the system. Sue Love, office coordinator from Holy Trinity, has been helping Karen and Diane
 - c. May 5, Final Cluster Summit at St. Philip Neri; the plan will be presented to the bishop. Mass at 7, a 20-minute presentation including the staffing model and ten strategic goals. This is a presentation, not a discussion. A social will follow. All parishioners are invited, but should let the parish office know.
 - d. An audit will take place in June.
 - e. Our parish achieved the financial goal from the Lenten Appeal, but not the participation goal.
 - f. Bishop Rozanski will visit the parish on June 18.

- II. Report of the Chair
 - a. Aleta Floyd has resigned, due to her health. Please keep her in your prayers.
 - b. We now have another vacancy on the Council.
 - c. Jim presented an Excel spreadsheet showing how the Council is expected to grow and stabilize over the years.
 - d. It would be nice to have a packet of info explaining the role and responsibilities of the Council, in order to hand to new members.
 - e. Constitutional draft – language was modified in Article 5: from “voting” to “identification of new members...”
 - f. Constitutional draft – changing the requirement of meeting 9 times a year to meeting 8 times a year, in order to accommodate Christmas and Easter, and two summer months; also, if a meeting is cancelled due to “unforeseen circumstances” (such as inclement weather), it will be counted as though we met, and not required to be re-scheduled. This change is suggested in light of the option of calling special meetings as needed. The Council is in agreement with these changes.
 - g. Hooray! We now have a Constitution!!
 - h. Our next meeting will not take place on May 15, as normal. Instead, we will be meeting on May 16 and 17, to brainstorm/write a Pastoral Plan. Friday night: 6-9:30, pot luck and pastoral plan. Saturday: 9-2. Let’s hook up the laptop to the LCD projector, so that everyone sees the plan in writing.
 - i. Our potluck will take place in the rectory. Ministry leaders should also be invited.

- ii. Pat will not be able to attend, due to her granddaughter's graduation. Susan will be there on Friday night, but not on Saturday.
 - iii. Perhaps we should advertise this in the bulletin? Fr. will address it in his column. In addition, each person who leads a committee should make an effort to contact the ministry leaders who fall under their committee.
 - i. Cluster update – binders have been compiled by Sue Love, and include an overview/executive summary, specific recommendations and reports for the staffing model and each strategic goal, and an appendix that includes more detailed support material. These will be presented to Bishop Rozanski and his staff members, Sr. Connie Gilder, and Deacon Paul Mann.
 - i. Assuming acceptance by the bishop, three people from each parish will be identified to join a coordinating council to start coordinating the implementation of the cluster plan. This will begin Phase II.
 - ii. How will the information in the binder be communicated to the parishioners? This will be addressed by the coordinating council.
 - iii. The way that we “do” church is evolving, and the cluster parishes are moving closer together, and learning how to work together and support each other.
- III. Information Items
- a. Liturgy Committee
 - i. Easter went very well; was very busy.
 - ii. A suggestion was made to advertise in local publications and support Liturgy up-dates in our parish bulletin; also for a pastoral council suggestion box to be placed in the church. The risks for the suggestion box are that it becomes a gripe box, the perception of suggestions being ignored, or that they may be anonymous and hard to act upon.
 - 1. There are concerns that parishioners misunderstand the role of the council; perhaps we should explain in the bulletin what our role is.
 - 2. We agreed to hold onto all of our ideas, and discuss them further at our pastoral planning meeting in May.
 - b. Stewardship Committee
 - i. Robert Bolen, one of our altar servers, is looking for an Eagle Scout project to do. He's looking for project suggestions that would help the parish.
 - ii. Handicap-accessible bathroom – Bob has talked to Larry Kovacs about this; Bob and Jim have discussed it, and Bob has a proposal to present to the finance committee. The cost appears to be considerably less than what we've heard in the past, and there may be financial aid/grants that could help.
 - c. Social Outreach

- i. Winter Relief was very successful.
 - ii. Participated in the Homeless Resource Day at Glen Burnie High School. We had an emergency request during Holy Week to help with the homeless when another church had to pull out at the last minute. Our parishioners helped serve meals at another church.
- d. Finance Committee
 - i. \$6,300 surplus in March, but overall for the fiscal year, we are \$16,000 in the hole. A payment was made in Feb. to the Archdiocese.
- e. Review of February Minutes
 - i. Two corrections were made, and the minutes are approved.
- f. Future Agendas items?
- g. Next meeting – May pastoral planning meeting!