

## Pastoral Council Meeting – September 9, 2008

In attendance: Sue Weber, Pat Ditzel, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, John Loucaides, Laura Loucaides, Bob Giesey, Joe Kursch, Sandy Klohr, Evelyn Dunn, Ellen Marshall, German Flores, Steven Bolen, Robert Bolen, Fr. DeAscanis

- I. Welcome to the New Year!
  - a. Welcome to Ellen
  - b. Enjoy some cookies
  - c. Let John or Laura know if you are missing any documents
  
- II. Report of the Pastor
  - a. Fr. Jarboe sends his regrets; he's away
  - b. Fr. Jarboe has drafted a letter for ministry leaders; it hasn't yet gone out, but should soon
  - c. This Sunday is our parish feast day, the Triumph of the Cross
    - i. Refreshments after every mass
    - ii. After the 11:00 mass, there will be a procession to erect a new crucifix on the front lawn
  - d. Archbishop O'Brien's first year anniversary will be October 1; his three primary focuses for the archdiocese are to promote vocations, promote culture of life, and to try to re-evangelize the poor inner-city
    - i. As a parish, we should look at ways to try to address those goals
  - e. Parish set-up
    - i. Fr. Jarboe has been a pastor here for a year; he's now the pastor of Holy Trinity, Crucifixion, and Good Shepherd
    - ii. Fr. DeAscanis is the associate pastor at Good Shepherd and Crucifixion, and in-residence at Holy Trinity
    - iii. Both parishes are similar, and we'd like to have the two parishes get to know each other better, draw more on the strengths of each parish, and work together more
    - iv. Fr. Tony is also helping out at Good Shepherd, too
  
- III. Eagle Scout Project: Steven and Robert Bolen
  - a. Started discussing the project in April; Fr. Jarboe has already approved it
  - b. Robert is working with the Boy Scout Council leader to flesh out the final details
  - c. The project is to rip up the six trees between the parking lot and the fire lane; these trees are causing damage to the parking lot, as well as a tripping hazard
  - d. Rip up six trees, dig up the bushes that were burned in the Holy Thursday service; plant other bushes and plants that would make the Cross visible and require little maintenance
  - e. Donations: two chain saws, a bobcat, wood chipper, dump truck, stump grinder, food for volunteers, crepe myrtle, cherry tree; still need some donations to cover the final costs
  - f. Sept. 27-28, around the masses, on the weekend; total cost of the project is estimated at approximately \$600

- g. Costs: Gas for stump grinder, chain saws, fuel for bobcat, wood-chipper, stump grinder
- h. Normal cost for this project: \$300 per tree, plus bushes; the parish will save a significant amount of money by having the boy scouts do this
- i. Risks: only adults will work the major equipment; boys will be handling wood, setting up; Boy Scouts of America has insurance that covers the boys during these projects; the adults will be covered under the parish insurance liability
- j. Diane should get a copy of the insurance policy that covers the Scouts and their leaders; also check into the parish insurance policy
- k. Disposal of trees: either donate or push them back into the woods; can be used for firewood – these are Eastern Cottonwood trees; shouldn't be hard to get rid of it – could be given away or sold
- l. Where will the cherry tree be planted? Make sure that it is not in way of the sewer lines; call Ms. Utility
- m. Instead of planting more trees between the parking lot and fire lane, could plant grass seed, ornamental grass, etc. - something with shallow roots
- n. Next Step/Final Questions: check insurance, what do we put on the slope in the end, and where do we put the cherry tree?

IV. Objectives for Pastoral Plan

- a. Sue: Social Outreach
- b. There is some confusion about having a ministry called Social Outreach, and a commission called Social Outreach. The ministry group would prefer not to change their name, but would like for our commission to be called Crucifixion Outreach, instead. This would encompass health care, social outreach, and social justice (Health Care, Respect Life, and Social Outreach Group). **The new name for the commission will be Pastoral Outreach.**
- c. Goal 1: Increase the visibility of the parish in the local community.
- d. Goal 2: Enhance support of existing outreach programs
- e. Nursing Home Ministry Objectives (Janet Reedy):
  - i. Advertise in the bulletin for new members; have already done so and acquired six new members
  - ii. Coordinate with a priest to make monthly visits to the hospital; have done so with Fr. Leopold at St. Philip Neri
  - iii. The ministry is already active with a Bible Study Fellowship, which is held at the Severna Park Evangelical Center – some discussion – this is not Catholic, but is it Catholic-friendly, or anti-Catholic? Some of the BSF people would like to join our work; those ladies would like to be a resource for the Protestant Community within the nursing home
    - 1. rather than using BSF to reach out to others, we should be encouraging others to come join the Bible Studies here; please invite non-Catholics to the Bible Study

2. advertise the Catholic Scripture Study here within the greater community; this then is an objective under enhance the visibility
- f. Health Care Ministry (Evelyn Dunn)
    - i. Educate parishioners on HIPPA regulations (privacy policy laws) – this doesn't really fit under any of our goals; this is an internal goal
    - ii. Recruit more Eucharistic Ministers to go to the hospital on Saturdays (currently, 3 ministers serve 30+ people – would like to have 1 minister for each 10 people)
    - iii. Recruit senior ministry participants to visit any home-bound seniors
  - g. Social Outreach (Alma Grossman)
    - i. Addressed name change (see above)
    - ii. Continue to support the programs (see hand-out), we worked previously
    - iii. Reach out to the community-related activities in our own community (BirthRight, Gabriel's Project) – those that have asked for assistance
- V. Question from Cursillo about a new goal/objectives
- a. Tangential chaos
  - b. Send objectives via e-mail to Laura
  - c. Repeat the Ministry Fair from last year? New Item for next month's agenda
- VI. Other Ministry objectives:
- a. Worship – 3 objectives for each goal
  - b. Faith Formation – difficulty with objectives from youth and young adults; adult formation has objectives
  - c. Community Life – seven objectives
  - d. Stewardship – has some
  - e. Overall, we're doing well – we've talked to ministries and gotten feedback
  - f. Laura will collect the objectives, send them out – review and raise questions at our next meeting
- VII. Information Items
- a. Evelyn – concerned about maintenance issues over the summer – is up-keep being continued?
  - b. Altar Society has a different schedule in the summer than during the year; Lorraine would like further discussion to clarify what the altar society does
  - c. Finance committee meeting addressed the faucets in the ladies bathroom – replace all three faucets; has Carl done that, or will someone else come out to do that? This has already been approved, though.
  - d. Collection and collating of skills and talents; logistics

- e. Ellen would like to thank Fr. Jarboe for flipping a coin and putting her on the Council
- f. Finance Committee reports that we had more income than expenses in July (for the first month this year)!
- g. Adult Formation – starting series on Footprints of St. Paul, Fridays in October at 7 p.m. Good Shepherd parishioners have also been invited to join us
- h. RCIA starts Wednesday nights in October; Jo Morsey, Chris Smith, and Fr. DeAscanis will be leading it
- i. Fr. DeAscanis will also be helping with the 9<sup>th</sup> grade Formation classes at Holy Trinity
- j. October 11 – Confirmation; 9 students will be confirmed, along with the Holy Trinity students; they will be confirmed at St. Philip Neri
- k. Evelyn – should we go host an event at Good Shepherd; reach out and support them at their house
- l. Religious ed. starting on Sept. 28
- m. Children’s Ministry starting on Oct. 8

- VIII. Read the June minutes, send corrections via e-mail, if necessary
- IX. Next meeting: Tuesday, October 14