

Pastoral Council Meeting - 11/15/07

In attendance: Fr. Jarboe, Pat Ditzel, John Loucaides, Jim Sadler, Laura Domen, Susan Weber, Lorraine Jacukiewicz, Bob Giesey, Diane DiLauro, German Flores, Aleta Floyd

- I. Report of the Pastor
 - a. Fr. Jarboe will meet with office staff next week
 - b. Archbishop O'Brien will make parish visits in our vicariate; he will visit CoC on Fri., Nov. 30, at 1:30 p.m. He will be accompanied by Bishop Rozanski.
 - c. Liturgical Workshop – Saturday, 9 a.m. mass, breakfast, sessions at 10 – CoC
 - d. Cluster Reconciliation Service – Monday, Dec. 17, CoC
 - e. Thanksgiving Day mass – 9 a.m. at St. Philip Neri
 - f. Christmas mass schedule should remain the same here (Christmas Eve, midnight, Christmas Day)

- II. Constitution
 - a. Draft from 9/24 is our starting point
 - b. Changes
 - i. Discernment process to election process
 1. We're a small parish, most people know the people who are running
 2. A blend of election and discernment?
 3. the parish nominates people to serve, then those who are nominated have an evening of discernment, where they will hear about the council, have time to pray and reflect, and decide whether they are willing/feel called to serve. After that, those who have expressed a willingness to serve will be presented to the parish as candidates/nominees. Finally, the parish will vote in an election process
 4. election would include two alternates, who would come to meetings, but not vote
 - a. would anyone really want to do this?
 - b. What if they didn't have to come, but were on the e-mail list to receive the minutes, and were encouraged and welcomed to come to the meetings?
 - c. Re-write Article 5 to try to reflect the blend of discernment/election, and alternates
 - ii. Article VI – Corresponding Secretary
 1. Keep the Corresponding secretary position; insert the new Article VI

- III. Should we cancel the December 20 meeting?
 - a. Meeting cancelled!

- b. Severna Park reconciliation service, if you want to attend

IV. Pastoral Plan

- a. When looking at the template from Holy Trinity, how does this apply to CoC; what would we need to change?
- b. We already have some committees set up (liturgy, finance, religious education, spiritual life, social justice, community, stewardship) – what if each committee got together and set some goals and objectives; they can then present their ideas to the council, and we can decide then what we want to include in the pastoral plan
- c. Looking at our committees/groups, spiritual life and religious education go together as formation; let's rename some of these to simplify them
 - i. Liturgy changed to “Worship” – Lorraine
 - ii. Religious ed. and spiritual life changed to “Formation” – Sandy and John
 - iii. Community is Community – German
 - iv. Stewardship – Jim and Bob
 - v. Social Justice changed to Social Outreach - Susan
- d. Each committee chair will meet with the committee/group, come up with some ideas for the pastoral plan, and present the ideas to the council
- e. Should we start with a mission statement for the whole parish?
 - i. Let's get the ball rolling, see what everyone says, and then seeing what the unifying theme is – from there, we can start working on a mission statement, by seeing the commonalities amongst our committees

V. Information Items

- a. Worship – nothing new to report
- b. Spiritual Life
 - i. Ellen Marshall is stepping down as ministry leader for intercessory prayers; Carol Musco is stepping up
 - ii. Chris O'Neill is giving a talk on the Christian meaning of human suffering; Tuesday, Nov. 27
- c. Community – trying to promote the boy scouts, in order to grow
- d. Stewardship
 - i. Signs have been approved; just need to be put up
 - ii. New doors are in! They're beautiful! ☺
 - iii. Carl and Bob will meet in December to come up with a schedule of what needs to be done, and in what order
 - iv. On the ramp-side of the church, the wall is gouged and needs to be spackled and painted; Diane says that the painter is already scheduled to come back to fix the situation
 - v. Cover for air vent in the choir loft needs to be cleaned, put in, or replaced
- e. Social Outreach

- i. Operation Christmas – 96 boxes, which is less than we've ever had before; is this because we did not show the video?
 - ii. Nov. 16 – delivering the Thanksgiving baskets; instead of delivering turkeys, they bought gift cards
 - iii. Dec. 1 – small tree in the chapel; ask parishioners to purchase small hygiene items as gifts for our Winter Relief guests
 - iv. Poor box donations from the weekend of 12/8 will be designated for the Winter Relief program
 - f. Finance
 - i. The error in the Sept. report said \$14,141; however, the actual number is \$1,98. This means that instead of being in the red by \$10,000, we are in the black by \$1,183.
- VI. Vote to approve the minutes from October – minutes approved
 - a. Other approved minutes are posted on the website
 - b. Create a link for the minutes on the homepage, so that people don't have to hunt too carefully for them
- VII. Future Items?
 - a. E-mail Jim if you think of anything
- VIII. Next meeting – January 17, 7 p.m.