

Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2009
7 PM Knights of Columbus Meeting Room

Present: Father John, Carrie Whitacre, Joy Case, Ron Daulton, Nini Milbrath, Roger Pelzel, Shawn Porter, Heidi Young

Also present: Larry Huiras, Mary Piasecki, Anjanette Conway, Tim O'Brien, Terry Bogenhagen, Claire Zajac, Sam Cari, Mark Sturino, Howard Cameron, Phyllis Koss

1. The meeting began at 7 PM with the readings for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time. Discussion followed.
2. The minutes for October were corrected and approved, the minutes for the November meeting were approved as presented. Both are now posted on the website.
3. Chapter I of **Called and Gifted** was discussed.
4. **Stewardship Committee:** Howard Cameron from the Stewardship Committee presented a report on the activities of the committee. Accomplishments for 2008 include: visiting Epiphany in Coon Rapids, a Total Stewardship parish; the preaching of Father John and lay witness by Shawn Schmidtknecht on Stewardship Sunday; the Time & Talent mailing in November and the managing of the ministry lists generated by the mailing; periodic messages in the bulletin, and the new prayer cards for church. Future goals include: working on the Ministry of Hospitality, updating the new parishioner registration process along with a new family mentoring program, a shared kiosk for display of ministries, and a new banner with the stewardship message.
5. **Trustee Report:** Claire Zajac presented some thoughts on the need for long term Development planning at St. Patrick's. She and Sam Cari hope to gather together some parishioners who have professional experience in this area to ask questions and receive guidance as to how to proceed with a long term investment in the future (financial) in our parish. They will make periodic reports on the progress toward this goal.

There is also a short term need of funds expressed by the Finance Council. They have asked that all parishioners be encouraged to contribute financially to the parish. They would like to work with the Parish Council to achieve this objective. Their next meeting is February 11.

6. **Parish Planning:** Because this visioning process will take more than an hour or two, a meeting is being planned – possibly on March 21, 2009. Father will contact Jackie Witter to see if she can be with the Council that day to facilitate the process using Vision 2007 as a guide.

7. Fall Fest Coordinators: We are presently without coordinators for the 2009 Fall Fest. Ron Daulton agreed to approach the KC's to see if there would be help there. Roger Pelzel and Shawn Porter will meet with Tim & Lori Gross and John & Sue Grancorvitz to get their input – and hopefully ideas as to who might serve as coordinators for this coming year.

8. It was announced that this was Mark Sturino's last meeting. He was appointed by Father Peter a number of years ago and has served faithfully for many years.

9. Father John led the Council in closing prayer at 8:30 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Phyllis Koss, recording secretary

Mission Statement:

Our Mission is to celebrate, support and share our Catholic heritage in such a way that through Word and Sacraments we may be formed into a servant people who reach out to everyone spiritually and physically from conception through death.