

Minutes

Pastoral Council, St. Patrick Parish

April 28, 2009

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

Also present: Larry Huiras, Mary Piasecki, Anjanette Conway, Tim O'Brien, Terry Bopenhagen, Claire Zajac, and Phyllis Koss

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

Prayer: Readings for 4th Sunday of Easter were read and discussed. (Father John gave a peek at his homily for the weekend.)

1. Chapter 3 of Called and Gifted for the Third Millennium

The Call to Mission and Ministry was discussed.

2. Vision Statement and Mission:

The committee who worked on the Vision statement (Carrie, Heidi, and Claire) is to be commended. The consensus was that having Baptism as the root of everything was an excellent choice and may lead to some educational strategies down the line. There was discussion about some words and a few refinements were made. Further discussion took place about how to present this Vision (and Mission and strategies) to the Parish as a whole. Perhaps a parish Listening or Town hall session in the fall - possibly in conjunction with the Parish Mission - will be used. Heidi will make the changes in wording and all will receive the updated Vision for consideration and adoption at the next meeting. Father John read an email from Jackie Witter where she said that the Mission statement comes next and it should consist of active, present tense statements.

3. Small Faith Communities:

Ron Daulton gave a presentation on what he had gathered about **Small Christian Communities**. He had a number of handouts as examples. This is a minimal cost program that we could easily implement here at St. Pat's. There are numerous websites where materials can be obtained for discussion. One of the options is even Little Rock Scripture Study. One possibility would be to start with already existing groups in the fall and then have a big kick off in Lent. Anjanette offered to work with Ron on something for the youth.

4. Wipfli update:

Father John said Wipfli is still working with us. The plan is that within the next 4 to 6 weeks a person will be hired to do bookkeeping for the school / parish. Wipfli will be instrumental in the ad and interview process as well as stay on to train the new person in the system that has been set up.

5. Discussion/clarification of Finance Council recommendations from March Pastoral Council meeting:

Father John stated that he feels it is best to wait until the Council is at the stage of working on the strategies to carry out the Vision and Mission before the recommendations from the Finance Council are addressed.

The meeting closed with prayer at 8:40 PM.

Next Meeting Date: May 26 (the day after Memorial Day)

Present 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.