

Minutes

St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council

June 24, 2010

Present: Father Dan, Carrie Whitacre, Joy Case, Ron Daulton, Roger Pelzel, Shawn Schmidtknecht, and Heidi Young.

Also Present: Anjanette Conway, Larry Huiras, Mary Piasecki, Brian Huffman, Curt Carey, Terese Mitchell, Claire Zajac, Sam Cari, Ellen Hanten, Larry Mitchell, Lance Whitacre, Shirley Cari, John Rukavina, Cathy Smolinske, Phyllis Koss

Absent: Teresa Cameron, Nini Milbrath, Shawn Porter, Terry Bogenhagen

The meeting was called to order with roll call by Chair, Carrie Whitacre at 7 PM

The Gospel for 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Luke 9:18-24 was read, reflected upon, and discussed

1. The minutes from 5/25/10 were approved as written
2. Update on Welcoming Group – John Rukavina

What they want to do:

- a. Generate map of where parishioners are
 - i. Teamworks International can generate this map for \$600
 - ii. Map to be broken down to areas
- b. Establish Block Captains who will lead local areas
 - i. Block captains will be first contact with new parishioners
 - ii. Block captains will mentor new parishioners
 - iii. Possible other activities can happen in the local areas

What they are asking from Pastoral Council:

- c. To expand their initial group – open up to interested parishioners by issuing personal and bulletin invitation to parishioners
 - d. Money for map (\$600) Do the physical map
 - e. Welcoming is as much a ministry as lecturing, Eucharistic ministers etc.
3. Update on Fall Fest – Roger Pelzel
 - a. Still in the planning stages
 - b. Key is participation – biggest challenge is getting sufficient volunteers
 - c. Money is also a challenge – because of experience of last year the committee is carefully watching their expenses
 - d. Their goal is fun for everyone, to generate enthusiasm and provide for family activities
 - e. In discussion still are meals for each day of the fest, (possible pig roast), and entertainment (family movie)
 - f. Four bands have volunteered their time for the fest
 - g. The plan is to shut down about 1 PM on Sunday
 4. Presentation by Development Group
 - a. Group was put together a year ago at the suggestion of the Trustees to investigate Development as a much needed function of our parish

- b. Each of the members of the development group has expertise in different but similar areas of Development
- c. Group spent the year investigating:
 - i. The role of parish leadership in the St. Patrick development program
 - ii. The role of parishioners and other community members
 - iii. Benchmarking (what would success look like)
 - iv. Infrastructure
 - v. Goals
 - vi. Communications
- d. Concluded that the Parish Vision must be the central purpose of all Development efforts
- e. Development is imperative to long-term sustainability in achieving the parish vision
- f. Have to keep in mind that Development is an ongoing PROCESS
- g. Pastors / Staff / Parish leaders come and go but we need a strong enduring Foundation consisting of accountability of resources, communication, and improved organizational design
- h. To get there we need definite program goals and clear knowledge of who is responsible for reaching those goals
- i. Communication and education of parishioners is key to success – greater use of visuals in this process was stressed
- j. Much progress has been made in the last year and it needs to continue with the establishment of short-term and long-term goals by trustees, finance council, and parish council
- k. Communication needs to be ongoing
- l. Parish Council agreed that we need to move forward with Development – “This is *just* what the parish needs.” No question of NOT moving forward with the next steps.
- m. Discussion concerning establishment of subcommittee to report to the Parish Council, guided by members of present Development study group and adding parishioners who are interested and have the knowledge and expertise to serve on such a committee; how to form this committee; how to involve other committees of the parish in the process; how to tap in to the talents and interests of parishioners
- n. Ellen Hanten will be the contact for feedback
 - i. Email: hehanten@comcast.net
 - ii. Phone: 612-386-8147
- o. Group will discuss feedback and report back to the Parish Council at their August 24 or September 28 meeting
- p. In October a summary of work by the Development study group and a timeline of moving forward will be presented to the Parish.

Meeting adjourned with prayer at 9:05

Next Meeting August 24, 2010

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Koss, recording secretary