

Minutes

St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council

November 24, 2009

Present: Father Dan, Father Bill, Carrie Whitacre, Joy Case, Nini Milbrath, Roger Pelzel, Heidi Young

Excused Absence: Ron Daulton, Shawn Porter

Absent: Rich O'Connor

Also Present: Larry Huiras, Mary Piasecki, Anjanette Conway, , Claire Zajac, Howard Cameron, Cathy Smolinske, Barbara Gagliardi, and Phyllis Koss

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by chairman Carrie Whitacre.

Prayer: Gospel for Christ the King (John 18:33-37) was read, reflected upon, and discussed.

1. The minutes from the Pastoral Council meeting of 9/22/09 were approved.

2. **Committee Reports**

Reports from the following committees were submitted and read previous to the meeting by Pastoral Council members:

- a. Liturgy – Terry Bogenhagen
- b. School – Mary Piasecki
- c. Faith Formation – Larry Huiras
- d. Youth Ministry – Anjanette Conway
- e. Social Concerns – Wegleitners

Reports from Finance and PCCW were distributed at the beginning of the meeting.

Barbara Gagliardi was present to explain the PCCW report in the absence of Gail Kotoski. PCCW has allocated \$4000 to furnish the area around the fireplace in the Gathering Area, making it more comfortable for seating during wakes and other events. A committee consisting of Stephanie Weber, Gail Kotoski Sandra Kettering, Patrick Peters, and Carol Landry are working on this endeavor. There has also been discussion for some time concerning an information kiosk and an area for display of posters etc for this area. There is a concern for the need for a security person for hospitality and to be a contact for questions in the kiosk area. PCCW has also been discussing replacing the chairs (\$20 each) in the social hall (maybe for next year). A master plan for both areas will need to be seen by PCCW and Pastoral Council before this project can be approved.

3. **Fall Fest** - Because of sick children in the Gross family, Howard Cameron brought and read the notes of the Fall Fest committee.

A number of new people signed up for Fall Fest at the parish Ministry Fair.

There are also many signing up for this on the Time and Talent cards.

Because of larger expenses resulting from trying a number of new things, this year the Fall Fest was not a big money maker - though a number of individual events were very successful. (In the neighborhood of \$5000 all told) There was discussion of what we want to do with the parish festival in the future. Pros and cons of having the Golf Benefit the same weekend as well as the

best weekend for these events were discussed. It was decided to form a committee consisting of: Roger Pelzel, Carrie Whitacre, and Ron Daulton. They will meet with a representative of the Finance Committee and Grosses and consult with the Knights of Columbus to decide what is the best course for next year to make this a celebration of community building as well as money making for the parish with the least amount of pain for those working.

4. **Stewardship** – Claire Zajac/ Howard Cameron
 - a. **T&T Booklet** – Katie and Scott Waldal again designed (free of charge) the booklet. Cards are being returned faster than last year and P.K. has been entering data in the spreadsheet. Parish Ministry contacts will get the first update by the beginning of the second week in December.
 - b. **Ministry Fair** – organized by Dan DeWitt with Hospitality provided by PCCW. It was well done and a number of contacts were made by different ministry groups.
 - c. **Stewardship Talks** – excellent talks and well received (John Rukavina is on this list for next year as he was “extra” at 9 AM)
 - d. **Greeters and Ushers** – Well organized by Dianne Evert. It was suggested that PC members greet once a month?? There was discussion later about this and some members wondered if it would be possible to have them serve on an “as needed” basis like Ministers of Communion. This is all part of our reaching out to make others feel welcome at St. Pat’s.
 - e. **Hospitality** - Stewardship has been brainstorming how to do about this for some time. Is a Welcoming Committee what is needed???? Stewardship can provide the ideas but their committee is not large enough to do the whole job – much of the parish will need to be involved.
 - f. **Leadership retreat** - The Stewardship Committee asked the Pastoral Council to endorse a leadership conference in the spring organized by the Stewardship Committee. Growing leaders in the parish is a priority. Training of leaders for lay ministry is seen as missing in the parish. Resources from outside would be used (Jackie Witter and Father Mullen were suggested) The training would be skill based and very practical. All parish leaders and leaders of existing committees would be expected to attend. Pastoral Council members concurred for the need for this kind of training.
 - g. **Study of Bishops Pastoral** – Previously Stewardship Committee suggested all parish committees make a study of the Bishop’s Pastoral on Stewardship. They offered to put together a basic curriculum to be used in all committees but did not want to expend the time and energy until their proposal was endorsed by the Pastoral Council. They were given the go-ahead.
 - h. **Pictorial directory?** There was discussion as to when to do the next one for the parish. The last one was five years ago. A number of companies have already contacted Father Dan asking to do this. The Company does everything including the scheduling of appointments. Nini Milbrath, Heidi Young, and Joy Case will take a look at this in January.
5. **Parish Council Membership** : Rich O’Connor and Shawn Porter will be leaving the Council at the end of this year.
 - a. Having the input of young people (HS students) was discussed
 - b. Father will also be appointing one or two members

The election committee will consist of: Shawn Porter, Carrie Whitacre, and Ron Daulton. Those who ran for Pastoral Council last year but did not win are: John Marnell, Diane Evert, John Rukavina, and Rosemary Alberg

c. Elect Vice chair

This will take place in January

6. Security of building

- a. Because of recent break-ins here and in other area churches our Insurance company says we need to have a plan for security.
- b. From now on doors will be unlocked Monday – Friday from 7:15 AM to 3:45 PM
- c. Monday – Thursday they will also be open from 6 PM to 8 PM – this time will not be advertized but people will need to get in for meetings.
- d. On weekends for Liturgy doors will be open the hour before and be locked ½ hour after the finish of Liturgy.
- e. Check with Ellen in the office (during office hours) if there is need to be in the building outside of those times.
- f. Planning for events involves planning ahead for access to the building.
- g. There should NEVER be just one person alone in the building
- h. Bathrooms need to be checked before leaving to ensure no one stays behind.
- i. Parents must monitor their children
- j. Father Bill and Joe are making a study of inexpensive, low cost security measures.

7. Evaluation of Parish Mission

- a. The consensus was that it was an awesome experience for those who attended!
- b. Father Larry and Sister Bernadette complemented each other in their presentations
- c. Next year – Bishop Morneau?

8. Diocesan Assessment to come

- a. Diocese preparing for parishes to do a viability study similar to the assessment schools do. It will look at the areas of:
 1. Liturgical practice
 2. Catholic Formation
 3. Parish life & Mission (outreach)
 4. Parish management (property & buildings)

9. Bishop Christianson

- a. Pastoral Visit December 5/6
- b. He will preside and preach at all Masses that weekend
- c. He will be available for visiting in the social hall after all Masses

Father Dan led the council in a closing prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM

Next Meeting: January 26, 2010

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Koss, recording secretary

