

Minutes

St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council

May 25, 2010

Present: Father Dan, Father Bill, Carrie Whitacre, Joy Case, Ron Daulton, Nini Milbrath, Shawn Porter, Roger Pelzel, Heidi Young; and new members Teresa Cameron and Shawn Schmidtknecht.

Also Present: Terry Bogenhagen, Anjanette Conway, Brian Huffman, Claire Zajac, Gail Kotoski, Phyllis Koss

Absent: Cathy Smolinske, Rich O'Connor

The meeting was called to order with roll call by chair Carrie Whitacre at 7:05 PM

The Gospel for Pentecost (John 14:15-16,23b-26) was read, reflected upon, and discussed.

1. The Minutes from 3/23/10 were approved as written.
2. Teresa Cameron and Shawn Schmidtknecht were introduced as the newly elected members of the Pastoral Council.
3. Committee reports:
 - a. Liturgy (Terry Bogenhagen)
The new wireless system will be put in place this Thursday (5/27) well in advance of the deadline.
 - b. School (Mary Piasecki)
 - c. Youth Minister (Anjanette Conway)
Anjanette clarified "Let us help you study for your finals" It will be a short (15 minute) prayer service followed by a snack in the grass at the corner of the HS.
Anjanette is working on this with youth ministers from the other churches in town.
 - d. Faith Formation (Larry Huiras)
The coming assessment of young adults (25 – 39) resulted from a meeting that Larry attended recently in the Diocese. This will be an ongoing investigation.
 - e. Social Concerns (Wegleitners)
 - f. PCCW (Gail Kotoski)
 - g. Finance (Brian Huffman)
Many questions: Is the budget in line with the income we have? Are we spending more than we should? What is reasonable for the parish as a whole? Is tuition too low? By July 1 we will have a year's data that is accurate and can be used to create budgets in line with our income.
Good news is that we have always met our debt payments – and they have significantly decreased over the year due to paying back loans.
In the past all monies were put into general operations instead of restricted accounts. This has been remedied. The roof has been re-done. Giving dropped off significantly

with the change in the envelope system. We can't keep borrowing to pay staff salaries over the summer when tuition isn't coming in.

We are self insured for property, which results in a savings but medical insurance is a problem because we use the diocesan plan which includes elderly priests of the diocese. Since the diocese requires us to use their insurance there is no way to circumvent this cost.

Forcing people to give is not an option so we have to do concrete things to pay our bills. Increased giving or raising tuition are options. Either one by itself would probably be enough to get us out of the hole.

ACH = \$17,000 a month – this is a reliable, consistent income. More parishioners are encouraged to use this form of giving. School uses it for tuition and it works very well. Energy costs are being reduced by changing the light bulbs in church. Still to come is an Energy Audit of all properties of parish and establishing scheduled maintenance of property (rather than lists of things that need attention like Mark Sturino established.)

4. Stewardship

Father Dan asked Stewardship to meet with those who presently do Hospitality after the masses to see what works, what needs changing, and to make recommendations for the future. Claire presented an outline of the consensus reached at that meeting. Greeters, Ushers, and Presiders need to issue the invitation to all to attend Hospitality after the Masses. More groups need to be involved in providing the Hospitality so as to avoid burnout of members. Provide Hospitality after masses on a ten month rotation: Week 1 – KCs, Week 2 – PCCW, Week 3 – Home & School, Weeks 4 and 5 to rotate through new parish groups on a once or twice a year schedule including standing committees and other natural groups within the parish.

Stewardship will follow up on this over the summer preparing a schedule and creating a tip sheet on how to 'do hospitality'. They ended with the open question of how do we take hospitality to the next level of welcoming new parishioners. (John Rukavina heads a committee examining this and will be asked to present where they are at the next Parish Council meeting.)

It should be noted that Gail Kotoski from PCCW does not agree with the consensus of this group.

Also noted: each group who does hospitality is required to give PCCW \$100 a year to their kitchen fund to cover the cost of coffee, napkins and others supplies which are used. Groups provide their own food and keep the free will offering to cover their costs.

5. Fall Fest Update (Roger Pelzel)

There was a blurb in the bulletin asking for volunteers, and prizes for the raffle. So far there are none and Roger indicated the committee was in favor of going with all cash prizes. Four bands have already volunteered their services so there would be no expense to the parish.

Tickets need to be ready to be printed by July 1. (Last year's license can be used if the tickets are printed by August 1 – but Barb will apply for a new one any way.) Shawn will look for four sponsors for the tickets. Next meeting of the Fall Fest committee is June 2 at 7 PM.

6. Pictorial Directory Update (Heidi Young)

125 families or individuals have had pictures taken over 3 days. Most sittings went well but some were unhappy with their picture with the agreed background for the directory and it was decided that instead of 'uniform' background in the directory, people would be able to choose the picture of their choice without consideration of background. July 2nd is the last date for sittings.

7. Father Virgil 50th Anniversary Celebration

Set for a dinner after the 11 AM Mass on June 13

Family and the Carmelites have been invited as well as about 45 paying parishioners

8. Farewell for Father Bill

After the Masses on June 19th & 20th

Hospitality to be handled by:

5 PM – Shawn Porter

7 AM – Stewardship

9 AM – Pastoral Council (Carrie)

11 AM – KC's

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 10:10 PM

Next Meeting: June 22, 2010.

Respectfully submitted, Phyllis Koss, recording secretary