

## **Pastoral Council Meeting 12/12/06**

Meeting commenced at 7:39 p.m.

In Attendance: Pat Beckett, Charlie Bohan (PC Coordinator), Bob Blythe, Jerry Latimer, Robin Stanford, Debra Herman (PC Communications Coordinator), Bev Bajersky, Christine McClelland, Father Mike

Not Present: Bill Beckett (Pastoral Associates), Debbie Calabro, Joel Friederich (PC Assistant Coordinator), Geoffrey Carter, Laura Morris, Jay Schuck, Maggie Short, Kari Albers, Dee Lopez

Opening Prayer – Charlie Bohan  
Scripture and Faith Sharing – Jerry Latimer

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed and approved. Minutes were accepted as presented.

The Matthew 25 Leadership Community (M25LC)  
Dee was not present at tonight's meeting to give an update.

### The Charter Review Committee

The Charter Review Committee has completed the Pastoral Charter revisions. Due to a lack of a quorum, an email will be written to each member not present and asked if they feel any changes are needed. No changes were made by those present. We can have further discussions at the next meeting if those not in attendance feel changes are necessary. Those present affirmed the charter as is. Members present each gave his or her shared wisdom. Charlie felt that this revision could be picked up and easily understood by anyone. It was clear and to the point. It also included a brief history of the Council. Bev agreed. Bob asked for clarification of certain sections. Example, if an officer is not discerned, do we need wording to agree with current decisions or wording to give us the flexibility? However, Father Mike pointed out that no one has yet discerned rather than PC making a decision to not fill the position. Yet page 4 addresses Vacancies, according to Debra, and the Council decided this was sufficient. It states, "However, the Pastor may, at his discretion, choose to not fill the vacancy." Christine expressed agreement of the charter as well. Father Mike said that it is nicely simplified, and it is a lot of work to write this - not only this time, but also the first time around. He also made another point that while writing this charter is important, as a council we also try to operate on a higher level including prayer and discernment. Future discussion will be tabled to the next meeting.

### Goal Team Reports

Charlie felt that Goal 6 and 15 were very similar. Goal 6 received the most discernment. "In January we will define this more comprehensively," said Pat, "to include both and then add objectives for that goal."

Goal 6: Establish a ministry to provide services to widowers and elderly including transportation, home repairs and bereavement follow-up/grief support.

Goal 15: Establish a parish outreach ministry to the homebound allocating appropriate resources of time, talent and treasure.

Goal Team Reports will be made quarterly. Pat said that if any group has issues to address, it could be raised at a meeting. Goal Team 2 has met this month and is looking for a date for a mission. A survey of five questions was developed, and they will seek approval for it from Pat and Father Mike. The survey, which will be given in January, will ask about the kind of speakers people want to hear.

Father Mike said that single parents are another large group, which are not addressed in our parish. Bob asked what concerns they may have. Single groups within the parish were discussed. Single parents may not feel as welcomed as there are so many families and couples here at the parish. Perhaps a single parent support group or Small Christian Community would help. Discussion followed. Bob said that often he does not know if someone is new or if he just hasn't seen them before. He said that in a church he visits in the north, the priest asks those that are new or visiting to stand and introduce themselves. It was decided that we can not solve this tonight, but another awareness has been brought to the surface.

#### Ministry Retreat

Pat handed out a tentative outline for a Ministry Retreat. The Retreat is open to anyone in a ministry that would like to attend. It will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> here at Good Shepherd. Pat said that we could invite anyone who is in service and needs the skills and encouragement. She also said that they might not be on a ministry email list. They may also be in a ministry elsewhere in the community not held at our church. This retreat is open to all that may wish to attend.

#### Father Mike's Comments

Father Mike had no further comments.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.  
Bev Bajersky will lead the faith sharing.

Meeting was adjourned at 8: 59 p.m. after a closing prayer led by Charlie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Herman

