

Pastoral Council meeting 7/11/06

In attendance: Pat Beckett, Jerry Latimer, Christine McClelland, Kari Albers, Bev Bajersky, Dee Lopez, Robin Stanford, Charlie Bohan, Geoffrey Carter, Bob Blythe, Joel Friedrich, Debra Herman, Jay Schuck, Father Mike, Reed Cameron; Guests: Marcus Hepburn, Nancy Powers, Tom Fackender

Not Present: Bill Beckett, Debbie Calabro, Maggie Short, Laura Morris

Opening Prayer

Scripture and Faith Sharing - Charlie Bohan

Minutes were reviewed prior to our meeting and corrections were made. The spelling of Kari Albers' name was changed in the June minutes, and Robin Stanford's attendance was noted at the May meeting.

Deacon Marcus discussed Section 6 of the Pastoral Council Charter seeking to make a revision. Will council rename the Outreach Committee to Matthew 25? Marcus feels this would be a better fit and requested that PC examine the charter's organization of ministries. In consistency with the church's beliefs, we are a parish of the Eucharist to serve and witness to the people. We are transformed by the Eucharist as active participants of the Mass. Marcus said that this is the meaning of the Eucharist. Other parishes are already renaming Outreach to Matthew 25. The M25 commission would be concerned with the ongoing ministries – it's a logical category. He thinks we have the momentum to function as a committee – to provide parishioners with works of mercy within our parish boundaries. There would be a liaison on Pastoral Council, working in service, which comes from the PC charter. Marcus says that the act of surrendering to God brings the image of Christ into the world. He reminded us that both Pope JPII and Pope Benedict talked about recognizing the face of Christ out in the world. Nancy Powers said that M25 is a touch point for the parish. People outside of the parish or within the parish would know whom to contact and would not have to seek out Father Mike. Also, people would perhaps read Matthew in the Bible. She said that social justice creates discussion. Jay Schuck expressed concern that people without a Bible would not know what the scripture means. Dee Lopez said that she would create a pop-up on the scripture on the parish website referring to the committee if it is renamed. It was also discussed that the Outreach Committee never really got started because it wasn't a ministry that people had a lot of work to do on a continual basis. M25 would provide leadership for the parish. According to Marcus, it embraces faith formation and worship, and it refers to the social concerns. PC has a formal position and recognition on M25 already. Under the Outreach Committee there is community service of parishioners and non-parishioners. It is confusing! M25 people would list the names of all the ministries underneath its name. All community services would be underneath this ministry. Marcus said there would be a development of logical subdivisions. Father Mike asked if the word outreach would be included in the name. M25 would operate as an educational group and provide direction to parishioners and non-parishioners. Pat Beckett wondered if we should leave the name alone at this time and M25 can continue to meet and run as it has

been. Marcus says it's a more accurate term - do we see Jesus in the injustices around us? Raising awareness in others – linking the Eucharist, which helps us to see Christ and bringing Christ out into the world are not separate issues. We need to see Christ in those around us. Father Mike says it could also fit into Section 3 of the PC charter – Evangelization. It was decided to table this discussion tonight and revisit it at a later time. There will be more discussion in future meetings. Charlie said this is the first pass, and we will see how we can further formulate this. Pat said that we need more review and see how it can fit into our current process. At the next session we will do sharing the wisdom process and listen to each others comments. Jay said we need to be sure we can make an informed decision.

#### QUICK UPDATE ON Goal Teams:

Charlie Bohan gave handouts for us to look at some of the goals that were not chosen for Parish Sharing the Vision Process Goals 1, 2, and 3.

Goal 1- Christine McClelland reported that Marcus Hepburn is going to teach about the Eucharist in the fall as part of the “Catholics for Dummies” and trying to inspire more reverent behavior in the sacraments. The committee will be meeting next Monday at 7:30 to decide which objectives within the goal to work on.

Goal 2 - Bev Bajersky - Outside Stations of the Cross have already been bought and will be put up on the church grounds. Therefore, there will be no need to do a meditation walk in addition to this. Also parishioners will be used as speakers for the parish instead of bringing outside speakers in at this time. The group did a faith sharing. The next meeting will be the week of July 20<sup>th</sup> on Thursday. The committee is moving along.

Goal 3 - Jay Schuck - The parish has recently purchased the software, MapPoint. This will help initiate the neighborhood-based Small Christian Communities. They talked about different ways to draw people in and how to form these faith communities. Will it be opened up to non-Catholics? Topics will be talked about at later meetings. Future meetings may be as early as next week.

Charlie Bohan asked that we all review the materials handed out at the meeting from Marcus and him.

Jay Schuck will do the Faith Sharing for the next meeting. Faith sharing materials can be viewed at [www.RenewIntl.org](http://www.RenewIntl.org) and this will link to [www.ParishLife.com](http://www.ParishLife.com). The readings, reflections, and questions can be retrieved online.

The next PC meeting is Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer and adjournment at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Herman