

## **Pastoral Council Meeting 3/13/07**

Meeting commenced at 7:40 p.m.

In Attendance: Pat Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Charlie Bohan (PC Coordinator), Debra Herman (PC Communications Coordinator), Debbie Calabro (PC Assistant Coordinator), Jay Schuck, Dee Lopez, Bob Blythe, Father Craig, Robin Stanford, Father Mike, Bill Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Christine McClelland

Not Present: Geoffrey Carter, Laura Morris, Joel Friederich, Jerry Latimer, Bev Bajerski, Kari Albers

Opening Prayer: Charlie Bohan

Scripture and Faith Sharing: Jay Schuck

Minutes from the February meeting were reviewed, corrected, and approved.

### **Completed Business:**

#### **Lent Soup Suppers and Stations of the Cross**

It went very well. We had soup left over! Bob's music was wonderful.

#### **Review of Ministry Retreat Day Saturday, January 27, 2007**

### **In-Process Business:**

#### **Review of goals from the Shared Vision process for Council Consideration**

- Update from Pat Beckett from "Young at Heart"  
Pat handed out notes from the meeting. Most talked about how important it was for them to meet weekly and have someone with which to talk and share. Transportation was another need. Many were very complimentary about the events that take place in the parish and felt that they had enough activities. They would like to see handicapped parking outside of the Community Center. PC considered this last year, and this could be reexamined. Visitation of the homebound and checking on people who are alone to be sure they are okay were considerations. Other considerations were handyman services for Senior Citizens, staggering Mass times to help with the parking problems, and initiating home visits. Sherry Leonard will be the new transportation ministry chairman. Linda Walker will help form new ideas into this ministry. The "Young at Heart" group are in those in their 60's, 70's, and older. Sherry would like to find people to connect to those in need. Father Craig suggested that perhaps she could connect the youth group to some in this group. We are still gathering information for Goals 6 and 15, and these goals may be developed at our June Retreat. We want to give Sherry some time to formulate goals and objectives.
- **Pastoral Council Retreat**  
Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> 9-3 p.m.
- **Diocesan Pastoral Planning Days**  
Friday, June 15<sup>th</sup> (12 –9 p.m.) and Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup> (8-12 p.m.)

Bill and Pat Beckett are now available to attend as well as Debbie, Dee, and Charlie. Bev will not attend.

- **Invitations to interested Pastoral Council members**

Charlie received one response so far. He also had someone sign up from the Ministry Fair. If no one comes to the Orientation Meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup>, we will then discern invitees at the April meeting. Charlie will call three of our current members to see if they are still interested in being members as they have not been in attendance. Jay will discern whether he will continue, as this is his 3<sup>rd</sup> year. Robin says she will probably stay on as a discerned member for the next three years.

- **Outside Stations of the Cross**

Discussion of where to keep booklets of the Stations of the Cross for people to use followed. Debbie felt that it would be helpful if there were materials available to them to read. Pat suggested a protected wooden box or keeping them in the church.

#### Father Mike's Comments

Father Mike talked to a woman who was literally shaking and wanted to come back to the church after years of being away, but she didn't know how to do this. There are many situations of people who don't know how to fit in to the church these days or even in the current ministries. Father says we need to discuss this further. It may need to be on a one-to-one basis. People are at different levels of returning or wanting to return or wanting to be involved in church ministries. There are those who are just visiting, those with large families who want to get involved, and those who are struggling. Father Craig said that perhaps the Welcoming Committee could think of ways to expand their committee. Father Mike commended us for our current added committees and finding ways in which to reach out. Jay would like to suggest that we continue this discussion. Pat would like it to be more prayerful and using shared wisdom.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10th at 7:30 p.m.  
Debbie Calabro will lead the faith sharing.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m. after a closing prayer led by Charlie.

Respectfully submitted,  
Debra Herman