

Minutes for the Pastoral Council Meeting March 11, 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:03 pm

In Attendance: Bev Bajerski, Pat Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Bill Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Bob Blythe (Communications Coordinator), Debbie Calabro (Pastoral Coordinator), Fr. Michael Foley (Pastor), Patricia Hall, Jerry Latimer, Dee Lopez (Assistant Pastoral Coordinator), Christine McClelland (Assistant Communications Coordinator), Robin Stanford, and Marcie Vernon

Not Present: Kari Albers, Geoffrey Carter, Debra Herman, and Laura Morris,

Opening Prayer: Debbie Calabro

Scripture and Faith Sharing: Bev Bajerski

Minutes from the February 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved after changing the spelling of Marcie Vernon's name and indicating that the December 2007 minutes were approved, not the November 2007 minutes.

Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

No one had any particular feedback or evaluation of the process. In addition, no one had anything to recommend to change for next year.

Capital Campaign Reception Hosted by Pastoral Council

Scheduled for Sunday, April 6, 2008, after noon Mass.

Invitations have been sent to everyone in the parish

Pat thinks 6-7 volunteers will be enough. This is an RSVP event, so we should know ahead of time if more people are needed.

The main work that will be needed is help with clean-up

Set-up will start at 11:00-11:30 am

Event starts at 1:15 pm and should last approximately 1.5 hours.

Anticipate 45 minutes to clean up

The following Council members volunteered to help:

Set-up – Marcie Vernon, Debbie Calabro, Christine McClelland, Jerry Latimer

Clean-up – Robin Stanford, Pat Hall

More volunteers are needed for clean-up

Invitations to Join Pastoral Council for 2008-09

There have been 7 responses from the Pulpit/Bulletin announcements.

Debbie Calabro encouraged all Council members to continue to consider and pray about possible members to invite.

There are 4 Council members leaving this year, but there will be 7 leaving next year, so it would help with continuity to have as many new members this year as possible.

Information meeting will be held March 26, 2008 at 7:00 pm.

Pastoral Council Annual Planning Retreat

Scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2008, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm (in place of the regularly scheduled June meeting)

Goal Team Progress Reports

Goal Teams 1 and 2 were reminded to include the Pastoral Associate, RE Director, Office Secretary, and the Pastoral Council Coordinator on all emails forwarding minutes from your meetings.

Goal Team 1 – Christine McClelland

(Jerry Latimer reported)

Kiera Camron is planning to do the presentation on the meaning of the covenant of marriage. Kiera has taught about this subject in Apologetics class in the past. The plan is to have the classes after Easter, sometime in April. Team members will talk with the RE Director to coordinate scheduling.

Goal Team 2 – Kari Albers

(Marcie Vernon & Bev Bajerski reported)

18 people came to watch “Passion of the Christ” this past Sunday. The consensus was that the event was a success.

The team is tentatively planning a presentation on Family Rosary on May 10, 2008 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Geoffrey Carter has been in contact with the CRHP Continuation Committee regarding having CRHP team members become Parish Mission Team members after completing CRHP. Those plans and arrangements are continuing.

Mission

Fr. Foley pointed out that if there is a desire to do a Parish Mission this summer, planning needs to begin now. Fr. Foley has the name of a priest who could be asked to present, but he has been holding off contacting the priest to see what was happening with the Mission Team formation. If we go the route of having someone from outside the parish present the Mission, the Mission Team would need to focus mainly on publicity and hospitality.

It was decided that the core group presently working on the Goal Team will begin working on an August Parish Mission while the concept of having people coming off CRHP weekends join the Mission Team is developing.

Goal Team 2 is next meeting April 7, 2008.

Goal Team 3 – Pat Beckett

The Team met February 26, 2008. Jim Croteau, the CEO of Elder Care Services and Brenda Popp from Good News Outreach both made presentations. There is a lot of enthusiasm among the members of the team, but the group also recognizes that we need to take our time getting things started to make sure it is done right. The presentations really affirmed our discernment that outreach to elders is the biggest issue for them because of loneliness.

Goal Team 3 is next meeting March 26, 2008.

Closing Remarks – Fr. Foley

Fr. Foley invited everyone to the reception April 6, 2008. The video presentation gives everyone a clearer picture of what the diocese is trying to do with the Endowment Fund. The Endowment will be controlled by a Board of Directors, with rotating membership among all the parishes in the diocese. The goal is to raise \$26 million for the corpus of the endowment. Approximately \$6 million of that will go back to the parishes. The anticipated return will average around \$1 million per year, which, at present, equates to approximately 25 % of the diocese budget. The corpus of the fund will not be spent.

There will be a mail-out to all parishioners after Easter, which may be followed by telephone calls.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, April 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Jerry Latimer will lead the Faith Sharing at the next meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m. after a closing prayer by Jerry Latimer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Blythe