

Minutes for the Pastoral Council Meeting May 13, 2008

Meeting commenced at 7:10 pm

In Attendance: Kari Albers, Bob Blythe (Communications Coordinator), Debbie Calabro (Pastoral Coordinator), Patricia Hall, Debra Herman, Dee Lopez (Assistant Pastoral Coordinator), and Marcie Vernon

Not Present: Bev Bajerski, Pat Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Bill Beckett (Pastoral Associate), Geoffrey Carter, Fr. Michael Foley (Pastor), Jerry Latimer, Christine McClelland (Assistant Communications Coordinator), Laura Morris, and Robin Stanford.

Opening Prayer: Debbie Calabro

Welcome & Introductions

Discerning Council Members: Claire Duchemin, Dottie Alfred, and Michelle Dahnke
Council members present were also introduced

Scripture and Faith Sharing: Debbie Calabro

Minutes from the March 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved after changing the number 454 to 45 in the number of minutes for clean-up after the Capital Campaign Clean-up. (No meeting was held in April 2008 as there was no new business.)

Goal Team Progress Reports

Goal Team 1

Catholicism for Ordinary People Class on Marriage

No members of the goal team were present. Debbie Calabro said that Kiera Camron has been asked to teach the class, but a date has not been set..

Goal Team 2

Five people attended the Family Rosary. There was a funeral at the same time, and the rosary service had to be moved, which may have contributed to the turn out. It worked well being tied to Adoration. The next Family Rosary is scheduled for June 7, 2008.

Parish Movie Nights – Originally the plan was to schedule one for July, but the team is focusing on the Mission scheduled in July

Surrender Session – This will probably be incorporated in to the Mission as a witness talk.

Retreat Opportunities – Pat Hall has developed a list of retreats. This will be provided to Dee Lopez so it can be posted on the web site.

Summer Parish Mission – Scheduled for July 20, 21, 22. Fr. Robert Young will be the presenter, and the theme is prayer. Bev Bajerski is heading up the planning for the Mission. They will need volunteers. They plan to make pulpit announcements identifying particular tasks. The team also plans to get lists of recent CRHP participants to ask for volunteers. We will soon be putting a “reserve the date” announcement in the Bulletin. Matt Shaftel will coordinate the music. The team is meeting next Monday.

Goal Team 3

Visitation for Elderly and Homebound

The Team had volunteer and recipient sign ups after Mass. Jim Croteau, the CEO of Elder Care Services conducted two days of training this past week, which addressed, among other things, issues associated with setting proper parameters for the visits. Those who needed the Diocese's Abuse Training received that, and were fingerprinted. The next step is to try to identify more parishioners who need this ministry. In addition to ways of identifying these folks discussed in the past, it was suggested that the team talk with Deacon Ed, who works with the hospital ministry, about people who may have recently been discharged from the hospital and might like to have some visitation. Nancy Madden has also expressed interest in starting a ministry to make prayer shawls and lap blankets for cancer patients. Goal Team 3 is next meeting May 27, 2008.

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). The meeting will start with dinner. Discerning Council members should inform Debbie Calabro by May 20, 2008 if they feel called to serve on the Council. All Goal Team Leaders need to submit their written year end reports to Pat Beckett by noon, Monday, June 9, 2008. Debbie Calabro will prepare the Council Coordinator's written annual review.

Goodbye/Affirmations of Outgoing Council Members

The only outgoing Council member present (other than Debbie Calabro who will be attending the Annual Retreat) was Debra Herman. She was affirmed by the Council members present, and presented with a small token of everyone's appreciation for all her hard work on the Council.

Group Discussion about Council Members Wearing Nametags

Debra brought up an idea that she feels has been placed on her heart. Many parishioners still do not seem to be aware of Pastoral Council and what we do. She suggested that maybe Council members should wear name badges, like Welcoming Ministers do, to Sunday Mass and parish functions, in an attempt to keep the Council “visible” throughout the year. Discussion ensued with differing viewpoints on whether they should actually be worn during Mass or just to parish functions and if all leadership Ministries should wear name badges to parish events. The overall feeling is that this is something that should be considered for the coming year. Another suggestion made was having a group photo of the Pastoral Council, with names and contact information, included in the bulletin each year.

Next meeting will be the Annual Retreat, June 10, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. To 9:00 p.m.

Pat Becket will lead the Faith Sharing as part of the retreat.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. after a closing prayer by Pat Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Bob Blythe