

Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, January 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm
Room 201 of the Parish Center

Attendance: Michelle Dahnke, Pat Beckett., Bill Beckett, Bob Blythe, Jerry Latimer, Claire Duchemin, Marcie Vernon, Pat Hall, Christine McClelland, Bev Bajerski, Father Mike

Not in attendance: Dee Lopez, Kari Albers, Dottie Alfred (see below)

Michelle led the opening prayer. Claire led the Scripture and Faith Sharing.

Minutes: December minutes were approved as read.

Announcements:

- v Dottie Alfred has reluctantly resigned from Pastoral Council and Claire will be taking over the duties as Communication Coordinator. Everyone should discern whether they feel called to join the leadership team as Assistant Communication Coordinator. We will aim to affirm a person for that position at the next meeting.
- v We have been asked to sponsor a Friday soup and Stations of the Cross event during Lent. The council agreed that Michelle would check on whether either March 6 or 13 is still available and would try to sign us up for one of those nights, with everyone on the council being responsible for bringing in at least one other person to help. Michelle will report back on this via email.

Goal Team 1 and Goal Team 2 reports:

Marcie Vernon and Bev Bajerski reported on the Goal 1 and the Mission planning. The Mission is set for July 19, 20, and 21st, 2009. Marcie also announced that the movie "The Passion of Christ" will be shown on Sunday March 8, 2009, and she could use some volunteers to help her on this. Bev announced that the next meeting for those on the Mission Goal Team will be January 26, at 6:30 in room 201.

Pat Beckett reported on Goal Team 2, as follows:

GOAL 3: Establish an outreach ministry to provide services to the homebound, elderly and other parishioners in need, which would include visitation, transportation, home repair, and additional support.

OBJECTIVES:

- v **Develop a variety of ways to meet transportation needs of the elderly and homebound by June 2009.**

Brenda Popp, Team Leader, is researching possible transportation options other than direct transportation provided by parishioners. The group is going to brainstorm this objective at the January meeting.

- v **Continue to strengthen the ministry focused on visitation and phone calls by June 2009.**

There are 25 active volunteers and 9 additional volunteers have signed up for the training that will be held on Feb. 21 at 10:15 am. There are 18 parishioners receiving services. We need to get the word out that visitation and phone contact services are available because we now have more volunteers than we have needs.

- v **Provide a workshop for Care givers by April 2009.**

Brenda is giving a Care giver's Workshop at the Senior Center in collaboration with Elder Care Services in January. She will repeat the workshop for Good Shepherd parishioners on Saturday, April 4.

- v **Investigate ways to coordinate needs of the elderly for repairs with Good Shepherd Builds Ministry by June 2009.**

The "Good Shepherd Builds" ministry is coordinating repairs that are needed by the poor and elderly currently served by Good News Outreach. We have not yet received any requests from parishioners.

The greatest focus needed right now is awareness building so that parishioners are aware that services are available. We did a flyer, pulpit announcement and sign up table in November, but again we had more volunteers than requests for help.. There are more volunteers than there are people who have requested services. There will be a workshop in April for care-givers.

Assignment of New goal team members

Claire, Michelle, Christine, and Jerry are not on any goal teams right now. Claire has volunteered for Goal Team #1. Michelle will be on Goal Team #2. Jerry and Christine will discern what they feel is best for them, and it will be confirmed at the next meeting.

Goal #3:

With Pat's assistance the Council reviewed the Elements charts that had been emailed to all members before the meeting. Pat lead the shared wisdom process, and the Council identified its priority areas and began to word the third goal. Based upon the charts and the members' review of the charts, the Elements were ranked in terms of the Council's priorities for the next year. The top item was Evangelization, with Word ranking second, and Stewardship third. Based upon this ranking, the members then attempted to come up with an overall goal statement, and a demographic target group for the goal. After lively discussions and comments, the group decided very tentatively on the following goal statement: "To reach out to the registered non-participating Catholics to bring them back to Mass." Father Mike suggested changing the words "reach out" to "contacting" which would be a more measurable goal. The Council members agreed to reflect on the

proposed statement over the next month and come to the next meeting with any proposed wording changes and some proposed objectives.

Father Mike made some closing remarks. Bev volunteered to lead the faith sharing at the next meeting and Jerry led us in a closing prayer.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10 @ 7:00 pm

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm