

Parish Pastoral Council

April 2, 2008

ATTENDEES: Carol Adams, Dave Barth, Kay Bunning, Matt Connolly, Mark Farney, Rob Hans, Bob Hassman, Karen Little, Jim Owens, Tom New, Mimi Reynolds, Father Stef

ABSENT: Rita Byrd, Karen Camm (BOCE)

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Bob Hassman. Minutes from the prior month's meeting were approved by concensus.

Karen Little reported on the progress of the Community Building Committee (CBC). Father Stef has asked all Parish organizations to schedule around Wednesday evening activities for next year. The only groups yet to move their regular meeting times are Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) and St. Catherine Players. (PPC later determined that their new regular meeting date would be the 3rd Tuesday of each month.) Karen reported that leaders are needed for different ages of the Youth Group. The CBC has decided that adult groups will meet once a month on Wednesday evenings and will have different options to choose from.

Father Stef reported on several things for his Pastor's Report. First, he will be changing the format of the Worship Committee where specific needs or issues will be discussed at meetings. The various committees of the Worship Committee will only report when needed. Otherwise, committee reports will just be posted on the website. Next, Father Stef gave an update on the status of the budget process and discussed the need to find a way to increase the income side of the budget. Father Stef is in the process of interviewing candidates for the Maintenance Supervisor position and will come to a decision soon. Finally, Father reported that the railings in church would be back in place in approximately 2 weeks.

The following committee reports were presented:

- 1) Stewardship (Karen Little reporting) – This committee is currently working on new stewardship cards. There will be no “treasure” section on the cards this year due to the Diocesan Offertory program. (Father Stef reported that this program is not going as well as expected at our Parish, although it has been doing very well in most of the Diocese. Letters were sent to Parishioners to remind them of their pledge.) Jennie Cox will organize the Stewardship Fair again for the fall.
- 2) Worship (Mimi Reynolds reporting) – The committee would appreciate any feedback about Holy Week.
- 3) Social Life Committee (Carol Adams reporting) – The 2 Fish Fries this year raised approximately \$5,000.
- 4) Facilities (Tom New reporting) – The new water heaters are up and running. The miscellaneous capital improvement list was discussed, including the a door to the church on the Bodens' side and possible solutions to leaking roofs.
- 5) Foresters (Rob Hans reporting) –The Parish campout is June 27-29 at Versailles campground. Approximately 30 campsites have already been reserved, but plenty are still available if reservations are made early.
- 6) Boosters (Rob Hans reporting) – PPC discussed several issues regarding the use of the gym brought to its attention by the Boosters. The Boosters group is asking for guidance on who is allowed to use the gym and when. Also, the Boosters feels that they are only responsible for gym usage by teams sponsored by them, but has become aware of several uses of the gym that might cause damage or injury. PPC formed a sub-committee

of Kay Bunning, Mark Farney, Rob Hans, Bob Hassman, Tom New, and Jim Owens to discuss these issues in greater detail. The sub-committee will report back to PPC at the next meeting.

7) Men's Group (Dave Barth reporting) – There will be no spring Cornhole/Euchre tournament.

8) Deanery Pastoral Council (Matt Connolly reporting) –Matt expressed appreciation to the PPC for its discussion and input at the last meeting on various topics being discussed by the Deanery Pastoral Council. He attended the Deanery meeting and presented concerns brought up by the St. Catherine PPC.

9) New Members (Matt Connolly reporting) – Matt is working with representatives from BOCE and will start the discernment process in early May. For clarification, the following is a list of current PPC members and their status of completion of their 3-year commitment:

Finishing 3rd Year: Dave Barth, Kay Bunning, Mimi Reynolds

Finishing 2nd Year: Carol Adams, Mark Farney, Rob Hans, Karen Little

Finishing 1st Year: Rita Byrd, Matt Connolly, Bob Hassman, Tom New, Jim Owens

Old Business

Karen Camm is working on a report on Mass statistics and will present to PPC at the next meeting.

The next PPC meeting is Wednesday evening , May 7th, after Mass. (Meeting date was changed due to conflicts in May.) Prayer volunteers are Matt Connolly (opening) and Jim Owens (closing).

Mimi Reynolds closed the meeting with a prayer.