

## Parish Pastoral Council

October 17, 2007

(Approved)

ATTENDEES: Carol Adams, Dave Barth, Rita Byrd, Matt Connolly, Mark Farney, Rob Hans, Bob Hassman, Tom New, Jim Owens, Father Stef

ABSENT BECAUSE OF CHANGE OF TIME AND LOCATION: Kay Bunning, Karen Little, Mimi Reynolds

GUEST: Karen Camm, Board of Catholic Education

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Matt Connolly

--The minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) September 19<sup>th</sup> were reviewed by Dave Barth and approved by PPC. PPC decided to begin approving the minutes via e-mail to get minutes published to the full Parish more quickly.

--Karen Little has been selected as the chairperson of the Community Building Committee. Karen is developing a color-coded calendar with all parish activities listed. The committee is considering a recommendation that the calendar be published in the Community Circle, perhaps each month in advance for the next month's activities. The committee noted, based on Karen's initial draft of the calendar, that particular activities shown to be in need of further development are Parish outreach and adult education. Thanks to Karen for her work on the calendar and on this committee.

--Father Stef reported on several items to the PPC. First, he wants to discuss establishing an endowment as a result of a recent substantial bequest to the Parish. He would like to get to the point of being able to consider using all fund raisers for the endowment or outreach. There was some discussion on ways to educate the Parish on bequests, but the decision was made to postpone this education process due to the new Offertory Program.

Father Stef also discussed the conflict between the Confirmation date and the Highlands Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. He shared an e-mail that he had sent to a member of the Parish and felt that there is a need to make sure in the future that the Parish calendar is coordinated with the calendar of the public school system. There is a need for a volunteer to help get this done.

--The following committee reports were given:

-Board of Catholic Education (Mark Farney)-A handbook was distributed by Religious Education. The Board made a new policy that the maximum number of absences is 4.

-Worship (Mimi Reynolds)-Mimi was not present but sent a report to Dave Barth. The committee is working on the Advent booklet. The tentative date for Lessons and Carols is 12/10 at 7:00pm. The Advent Penance service is 12/13. The safety railing design for the sanctuary is in the works. (The tabernacle will remain in its current location.) The committee is planning for All Saints, All Souls and Advent.

-Social Life (Carol Adams/Jim Owens)-The Cabaret social event is scheduled for this Saturday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

-Facilities (Tom New)-The Facilities Committee is looking at miscellaneous small items in the Parish.

-Foresters (Rob Hans)-This group has made \$7500 since its inception. They are waiting on 2 more installments of \$1,500.

-Boosters (Rob Hans)-Fall volleyball is wrapping up and basketball teams are formed. They are working on a recommendation on what to do about the gym floor.

-Men's Group (Dave Barth)-This group will be hosting their annual Women's Dinner on November 3<sup>rd</sup> after the Stewardship Fair.

-Deanery Pastoral Council (Matt Connolly)-This group has now had its first formation meeting.

--Old Business:

-Members of PPC will need to be present at the Stewardship Fair. Dave Barth will solicit help by e-mail.

-Tom New has been working on the Parish e-mail list and issues relating to what should be distributed. He will have more to report at the November meeting.

--New Business:

-Dave Barth reported that the Men's CRHP weekend is going to be moved offsite to St Thomas (the former nuns' residence).

-Father Stef wants PPC to discuss the possibility of a parish outreach and tithing program similar to St. Timothy's. This will be deferred until after the Offertory Program has been instituted.

-Mass attendance statistics (kept since September of 2004) were distributed for future analysis and consideration by PPC. All agreed that graphs based on these statistics would be helpful to understand and interpret the statistics.

The next meeting of PPC will take place on Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> after Mass (changed from November 21, because of schedule conflicts since November 21 is Thanksgiving Eve).

Jim Owens closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Bunning, Secretary