

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

September 19, 2007, 2007

(Approved)

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

ABSENT: Rita Byrd, Mark Farney

GUESTS: Kim Lampe, Ken Farney

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Bob Hassman

--The minutes from the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Day of Reflection were reviewed and approved with one correction to add Jim Owens to the New Members of PPC committee.

--Kim Lampe was present at the meeting to discuss the Stewardship Committee. Kim and Ann Ulbricht will be the new chairpersons of this committee. Kim discussed some of their plans for the upcoming year, which will include an emphasis on the time and talent portion of stewardship. Communication with the Parish will also be a focus. The Stewardship Committee will be hosting a Stewardship Fair after each of the Masses on the weekend of November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a stewardship page in each issue of Community Circle and inserts in the bulletin on a regular basis. For the treasure portion of stewardship, there is a new Diocesan Offertory Program. This is a 5-year program focused on increasing offertory collections. The program will be based on theological reasons for giving, not on needs of the individual Parish. The program will also help to institute new programs and an endowment at the Diocesan level. The program begins in the beginning of November.

--Dave Barth reported for the Community Building Committee. This group met prior to Mass this evening and will start by reviewing all the activities already occurring in the Parish. They will then build on this and would like to use Wednesday evenings on a more regular basis for worship, education (for all ages), and fellowship along with Wednesday evening Mass. The committee would like to start involving other individuals and groups to help plan more events. This committee will be placing articles in the bulletin and Community Circle to generate ideas and ask for input.

--Father Stef reported on several items to the PPC. First, the Finance Committee is finished with the Parish year end report. It will be included in the Community Circle and bulletin. He will then follow up mid-year (January) with a "State of the Parish" meeting.

Father Stef also informed PPC that our Parish date for Confirmation that the Bishop scheduled conflicts with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip at Highlands Middle School. The principal at the school is working with Father Stef to try to resolve the conflict.

--The following committee reports were given:

-Worship (Mimi Reynolds)-Mimi showed PPC copies of blueprints to put in railings on the top level of the altar, which are needed primarily for safety reasons. The Worship Committee is still in need of additional lectors.

-School PTO (Kay Bunning)-Kay and Ken Farney are chairs of the Governance portion of the School Improvement Plan. They brought to the attention of PPC that the school receives an unusually large amount of requests for items to be sent home to the school families. These requests sometimes include requests for money/donations. PPC formed a sub-committee of Tom New, Jim Owens, and Bob Hassman

to examine what is appropriate to be included in an “official” e-mail being sent from the school office. PPC felt this will also be helpful when the Parish develops its own e-mail list.

-Facilities (Tom New)-The Facilities Committee is looking at miscellaneous small items in the Parish such as air conditioning issues and exterior lighting.

-Foresters (Rob Hans)-The Foresters are presently working on 3 youth events: a movie night following Parish Fest on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September, a lock-in on the Saturday prior to Halloween, and a PJ Party with bedtime stories.

-Booster (Rob Hans)-The Boosters are presently forming the school’s basketball teams for this year. Their largest concern presently is the condition of the gym floor. They are looking at several estimates and recommendations on what should be done to improve the condition of the floor prior to basketball season starting.

-Men’s Group (Dave Barth)-The Euchre and Cornhole tournament night was a success. The group is planning to do this again in January. They are hosting their annual Women’s Dinner on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

--Dave Barth discussed the following items from old business: PPC Meeting announcements will be placed in the bulletin on the Sunday prior to each meeting to remind and encourage parishioners to attend if they would like. The PPC agendas and minutes will be on the Parish website. Dave reminded each PPC member to wear their new nametags at Parish events and to introduce themselves to people who they don’t know.

--Dave Barth will take care of the PPC Poster for the Stewardship Fair. Members of PPC will need to be present at the Stewardship Fair.

--Dave Barth reported that the CRHP weekends are going to be reset for January/February.

The next meeting of PPC will take place on Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Jim Owens and Matt Connolly volunteered to open and close the meeting with a prayer.

Carol Adams closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kay Bunning, Secretary