

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 21, 2010

Members present: Sheila Masteller, Robin Corkery, John Workland, Nancy Voermans, Madeleine Durkin, Joel Loiocono

Staff present: Fr. Steve Dublinski, Fr. Miguel Mejia, Deacon Chalo Martinez, Sr. Sharon Bongiorno, Sr. Judith Nilles

Opening prayer: The Gospel for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time was read followed by sharing on the “Question of the Week” and a concluding prayer for Haiti.

Announcements: Sheila Masteller, council chairperson, announced that Joel Loiocono would continue as the liaison to the Finance Council.

A vice chairperson for the pastoral council is needed. Sheila asked the members to think about this position.

Finance Council Report

Fr. Steve shared the following information from the Finance Council.

- Envelope income is \$7,000 ahead from last year
- Plate is \$20,000 down from last year. (\$15,000 can be accounted for by three donations from business that were reduced from the previous year.)
- The second collection is up by \$700.
- Total income midpoint in the year is \$320,000.
- Total expenses are \$337,000 giving the parish an \$11,000 deficit.
- Special income from the Miracle of Spring and endowments will help to reduce this deficit.
- Last weekend the parish donated \$6,000 to Catholic Relief Services for Haiti.
- The ACA goal for this year is \$91,912, down \$6,000 due to the lower parish income.

Social Concerns Report

Sr. Sharon reported for the Social Concerns Committee. She highlighted the upcoming Lenten Soup Suppers with the theme of “Community Hunger.” Speakers from various local agencies have been asked to speak briefly about their work in the area of hunger.

Altar Society

Madeleine Durkin reported for the Altar Society. They donated \$5,700 to the parish. This includes monies from the Harvest Festival, bake sales, funeral luncheons and dues. A bake sale will be held on February 14 after the Masses. The Altar Society is updating the Prayer Chain.

Docents

Docents tours are scheduled as follows:

- Fair Winds Retirement on February 3rd.
- Rite of Election on February 21st
- Children from Fairchild's religious education program on April 17th

Stewardship Committee

Sr. Judith summarized the recent meeting of the Stewardship Committee.

- The annual Appreciation Dinner for all volunteers is on Mardi Gras, February 16th. Invitations will be mailed out soon.
- The committee discussed the upcoming ACA
- The Newcomers Committee reported on their work
- A draft of a financial pledge card was discussed.

Evangelization Committee

Fifty people have registered for the WHY CATHOLIC? adult faith formation program starting in February.

Pastor's Report

- The Year of the Priest is being celebrated at the Cathedral until Lent. An icon is in the sanctuary, and a prayer for priests is recited after the intercessory prayers. Trading cards of the priests are handed out to the children and others each weekend.
- The Knights of Columbus are now official and are getting organized.
- Rachel has published bulletin guidelines to better facilitate information gathering.
- The Celebration of Life Mass is January 22nd. Bishop Skylstad will preside. The lighting of luminaria will conclude the day's events at 3:30.
- The all council Christmas dinner was held on January 8th.
- The Miracle of Spring event is April 24th. Laurie Walters is heading up the fundraiser. More volunteers are needed for procurements.
- The Heifer Project is doing well
- The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is February 11th, preceded by a novena.
- A marketing committee is in the discussion stage.

Next Meetings: February 18th at 3:30 and March 25th at 3:30

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