

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

Present:

Tessie Ballard	Gail Rivera	Donna Wardrup
Ed Longo	Betty Ryon	Father Barr
Dan Palumbo	Tammy Barber	Patrick McKenna
Don Zukowski	Loretta Haring	Linda Kline

Absent:

Ruth Milano	Colleen McGraw	William Stehle
Steve Sabo	Liz Coyle	Bill Price
Don Rakoskie	Tom Cosgrove	

Meeting called to order at 7:15 P.M.

Opening prayer led by Ed Longo.

Corrections were made to the August minutes. Motion to approve August minutes with corrections made by Linda Kline and seconded by Patrick McKenna. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Father Barr thanked Dan Palumbo and John Klinkam for their recruiting efforts with the Religious Education catechists. They did a great job. He also thanked Kathy Elder for her enthusiastic announcement for the parish picnic. With the success of recruiting catechists and the parish picnic, Fr. Barr suggested we may want to re-think the way we do pulpit announcements.

In last Sunday's bulletin there was an open letter from Fr. Barr to the parishioners giving them an update on the cluster issue for South County. Father Barr met with the pastor's from Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Sorrows to come up with a plan by January 2009 to determine how two priests would meet the spiritual needs of three parishes. Deacon Paul Mann from the Archdiocese of Baltimore will serve as an outside facilitator and help with this process. The pastor's decided they will come up with a process to have a dialogue between themselves and staffs first, then with the Pastoral Councils and then how to engage the laity.

"Filling the Pews" Workshop: This workshop is to help create a networking system and to have personal contact with the parishioners. Fr. Barr and eight parishioners attended the workshop. Ten pastors were invited from Anne Arundel County; eight are participating and two pastors are coming from different counties.

Father Barr reported that when the original church at Holy Family was being built the then Pastoral Council was adamant about not having plaques on items in the church. When the marble wall was taken down it was put into storage. Father Barr had recommended that the marble wall could be moved back to the church after the expansion and have names

memorialized on this wall. With the new Capital Campaign beginning Father Barr wanted the Council's thoughts on having plaques on items for those parishioners who would donate toward the cost of a classroom, nursery, social hall, etc. Father Barr will contact Jim Cush, our architect, for a breakdown of the costs per room. Some Council members felt that times have changed since the church has been built and would have no problem with having plaques to memorialize a loved one.

Old Business:

Development Committee/Fundraising Effort Update: Bill Scarpone from Graham-Pelton Consulting, Inc. is here putting together a case study for our Capital Campaign. Bill will also be working on a brochure to explain the campaign. Three volunteers had come forward to help with the fundraising effort. Father Barr reported there will need to be a chair and co-chairperson to head the effort. Father Barr asked the Pastoral Council for help in selecting volunteers. If anyone from the Council wants to help, they are to let Father Barr know. The first phase is to do a quiet campaign where potential donors will be contacted. By January 2008, we will know how much will be committed to the campaign. We currently have \$3.3 million. We have asked for a \$2 million loan from the Archdiocese. Our goal is to receive \$2 million in pledges. All monies donated will stay at Holy Family.

Neighborhood Captains Update: Father Barr reported that Tom Cosgrove has done incredible work on this project. Tom met with Father Barr and Donna Wardrup to review the program he is using and the breakdown of neighborhoods he has accomplished so far. From each neighborhood list a captain will be selected. A question arose on what type of information the neighborhood captain would give. Fr. Barr informed council that the information would be kept to spiritual events at Holy Family and on spiritual growth. Dan Palumbo suggested that once the neighborhood captains are selected a meeting should be held to let them know what is expected of them.

Betty Ryon reported that the Youth Ministry had been awarded money from the Grant Endowment to participate in a Catholic Work Camp. This money was not used. A representative from the Youth Ministry inquired if the money they were given could be used toward their annual trip to Steubenville. Don Rakoskie, head of the Finance Committee, sent an email to Betty Ryon stating that the grant money awarded is given for a specific purpose and cannot be re-directed for another use. The money would not be used for the calendar year 2007 and would remain in the fund.

Ministry Reports:

Fellowship: Picnic was a huge success. There were approximately 400 people in attendance.

Parish Directory was a success. All 500 copies were given out.

Youth Report: Goals for the youth group are to get more kids to attend. Patrick McKenna reported that the number of youth attending the high school meeting has grown to approximately 15 youth. A member of the high school youth group spoke at all of the Masses the weekend of September 22nd-23rd inviting high school age youth to attend the youth led Mass with Father Barr in the Chapel on September 30th at 11am.. The middle school youth group meeting had their highest number of 27 kids attending.

Liturgy Report: Father Barr reported a change in the Liturgy Report. Under accomplishments, point 1, 2nd-3rd- line; it is not an advisory board. It is more like an input committee where there would be a cross-section of people involved in the music ministry working with Jane Kraemer.

Religious Education Report: Father Barr gave a handout to all Council members listing the number of children enrolled in Sunday morning, evening, and Monday afternoon religious education classes. The numbers also included high school, home centered instructed students, and home schooled students. There are a total of 542 children enrolled to date. Father Barr also had the number of children who are registered with the parish (from ages 6 and under to 17) from the census we do every year. That number totals 1,192. Father Barr also reported that we have about 100 children that go to Archbishop Spalding, 100 who attend School of the Incarnation. We also have children at St. Pius X, St. Mary's in Annapolis (elementary and high school), and St. Mary's, Upper Marlboro. Dan Palumbo reported that he has gotten feedback from parents who don't like the class time change to 8:15am. The purpose of changing the times was so children could attend Mass with their parents after religious education classes were over. Father Barr suggested that Dan work with Sharon on a possible survey to see if children are attending Mass after religious education.

Parish Mission: Kathy Elder is asking for volunteers from the Pastoral Council to make phone calls for the mission this year. She asked Betty Ryon to hand out information as well as the dates available to make phone calls. Those available to help are to contact Kathy Elder directly.

Pastoral Council Retreat: Betty Ryon announced two possible dates for the Pastoral Council retreat. Dates available are March 8, 2008 or April 5, 2008. Betty asked Council members to check their calendars and get back to her with the date that works best for them. The retreat last year was held on a Saturday at the Franciscan Monastery from 9am to 2pm. This year's retreat will continue to focus on the 30-30-40 paradigm.

Donation: Father Barr had made a suggestion that the donation for this month could go to St. Gregory's as we will be visiting them on September 29th. Betty Ryon reported that we had given St. Gregory's \$2,000 in August of 2003, \$1,000 in March of 2006, and \$1,000 in January of 2007 (this was given to them in March when they visited us). Gail Rivera, who has the donation for September, suggested the money go to Project Rachel.

Project Rachel helps women and men experiencing trauma after an abortion. This is keeping with Cardinal Keeler's request to take part in pro-life efforts. Dan Palumbo made a motion to approve; Tessie Ballard seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Closing Prayer: Father Barr

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm.

Next meeting: October 24, 2007

Respectfully submitted by:
Donna Wardrup
September 28, 2007

Edits: BR