

Pastoral Council Meeting
January 9, 2008

Present:

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Don Zukowski | Tessie Ballard | Father Barr |
| Colleen McGraw | Loretta Haring | Tom Cosgrove |
| Betty Ryon | Ruth Milano | Linda Kline |
| Tammy Barber | Gail Rivera | Patrick McKenna |
| Ed Longo | Don Rakoskie | Donna Wardrup |

Absent:

| | | |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| Steve Sabo | Liz Coyle | Bill Stehle |
| Dan Palumbo | Bill Price | |

Meeting called to order by Betty Ryon at 7:10pm.

Opening prayer led by Gail Rivera.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the December meeting were reviewed. Fr. Barr made a correction under the Pastor's Report. Betty Ryon made a correction to the recorded attendance. Motion to approve minutes of the December meeting as with corrections by Linda Kline. Seconded by Don Rakoskie. Motion approved.

Pastor's Report: There will be a hearing on January 15th to report on the progress of our building expansion. The Tri-Chairs of our Capital Campaign will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of January 12th-13th to inform the parishioners of the hearing, as well as an update on the expansion. They will highlight the projected breaking ground completion of the project and that 100% of the pledges will stay at Holy Family. They will also inform the parishioners of receiving solicitation calls and to please treat the volunteers as if Father Barr is calling. They will also stress the need for more volunteers as Father Barr can not do this on his own.

Father Barr reported that the job description we have for the Youth Minister position was written for the Cluster parishes. The position at Holy Family will be for a full-time Youth Minister. Our Lady of Perpetual Help has hired a part-time Youth Minister.

Father Barr also reported that a joint cluster meeting was held with Fr. Cosgrove, Fr. Logue and Deacon Paul Mann on Monday, January 4th. At that meeting it was decided that there will be a joint meeting of all three parish's staffs and Pastoral Councils. This meeting will possibly take place in March at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Fr. Jay O'Connor from Clergy Personnel will facilitate. More information will be forthcoming.

Grant Award: Betty Ryon passed out a list of past recipients of the Grant Awards. We have a restricted account set up from which a parishioner had left money to the parish. Ministries are able to apply for the grant and are awarded the money based on presentation and need. This year we have \$8,270 that can be awarded. The Finance Committee concurred with moving forward with the grant award. This will be announced in the bulletin. The consensus of the Council was to move forward. Motion made by Linda Kline, seconded by Patrick McKenna.

New Business: Youth Program Update and Representative for Council. The Pastoral Council felt that having the youth representative be accountable for issues pertaining to the Youth Group was unfair. The Youth Ministry has been a top priority in the parish. Some youth events that had been cancelled could have taken place if adult volunteers had stepped forward and took over. Patrick McKenna, the youth representative on the Council, has been advising the council on youth issues, but the Council feels an adult representative is needed as a back up. Patrick is agreeable to working with an adult representative. He and Tammy Barber will work together to select an adult youth representative.

The Pastoral Council reviewed Bishop Rozanski's report from his Pastoral Visit. The feedback received was very positive. Areas to focus on included a recommitment on pastoral planning and a five year plan, actively recruit and invite Spanish speaking parishioners to serve on the Pastoral Council; explore evangelization efforts, and explore and implement ways to further develop a strong sense of social justice among parishioners.

Betty Ryon asked the Council members for their feedback on a topic for the Council retreat which will be held on March 8th. The Council was to respond to Betty by Wednesday, January 16th.

Donation: Tom Cosgrove recommended that \$500 go to the Navy Bethesda Hospital for Iraqi and Afghanistan Marines, Sailors and Army war wounded. The remaining \$500 would go to the Veterans Administration Center of Maryland. This money would go toward the purchase of televisions for two or four patient rooms. Motion made by Linda Kline and seconded by Don Rakoskie. Betty Ryon informed the Council that the Council gave \$333 to both the Navy Bethesda Hospital and the Veterans Administration Center in November of 2006. Motion was approved.

Betty Ryon read a “thank you” letter from Fr. Austin Murphy, Catholic Campus Ministry, Towson University for last month’s donation.

It was discussed that this information should be going into the bulletin so the parishioners know what the Council is doing with their monthly donations. It was suggested that the Council have a column once a month in the bulletin with information and updates. Colleen McGraw will be responsible for providing the information to the Parish Office.

Betty Ryon informed the Pastoral Council members that Holy Family will be doing the Soup and Bread Supper on Friday evenings during Lent. The Pastoral Council will do the first Friday. Betty asked for volunteers to help.

Closing Prayer led by Father Barr.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Wardrup
January 18, 2008