

Pastoral Council Meeting
April 16, 2008

Present:

Tessie Ballard	Father Barr	Steve Sabo
Loretta Haring	Dan Palumbo	Donna Wardrup
Betty Ryon	Liz Coyle	Tom Cosgrove
Bill Price	Pam Lemanski	Colleen McGraw
Don Zukowski	Ruth Milano	Linda Kline
Gail Rivera	Patrick McKenna	Don Rakoskie
Ed Longo		

Absent:

Bill Stehle

Meeting called to order by Betty Ryon at 7:05pm.

Opening prayer led by Don Zukowski

Guest: Sharon Graham, Administrator of Religious Education, was introduced by Betty Ryon. Due to the projected expansion Sharon Graham was asked to give a presentation to the Council members of where to offer Religious Education classes when the session starts in September. If we are to begin the construction in September, we would have to move Religious Education classes to an off-site location. Sharon has contacted Davidsonville Elementary School for permission and to find out costs. Sharon told the Council that Jim Fehr, Business Manager at Holy Family, reported at our staff meeting that Church of the Crucifixion uses an elementary school to house their religious education classes at a cost of \$90.00 per classroom. If we move all of our religious education classes to Davidsonville Elementary School it would cost approximately \$30,000 (based on cost of renting classrooms as stated above). Sharon asked for the Council's thoughts and ideas. Betty Ryon reported that we may not have our permits until fall of 2008. The construction would not start until we have a contractor and they would need approximately thirty days to mobilize their equipment to the site. Council members discussed several options including starting at Holy Family and then moving to Davidsonville Elementary School; home schooling the children; having parents be responsible for teaching with catechists overseeing the parents. After much discussion the Council's recommendation to Sharon was to start Religious Education classes here at Holy Family and move to the elementary school when necessary.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of the March meeting as written was made by Linda Kline. Seconded by Patrick McKenna. Motion approved unanimously.

Update Grant Award Recipients: Betty reported that \$8,300 was distributed to the following ministries: Youth Ministry received \$3,300 for audio/video equipment; Fellowship received \$1,000 for picnic (off-site expenses); Adult Enrichment had two requests and received \$3,000 for guest speaker, Matthew Kelly, and \$1,000 for a sound system. The sound system was awarded with conditions. The condition was that Adult Enrichment needed to work with an experienced member of the grant committee. There will not be a grant application process next year because the decision has already been made by Fr. Barr and the Finance Committee that the grant will help fund the new youth minister position.

Pastoral Council Budget Request: The Pastoral Council requested money for supplies, annual retreat and the Pastoral Council dinners.

Pastoral Council Election Update: Bill Price reported the elections for new members will take place May 10th and 11th. Five positions need to be filled. To date, two people have accepted the nomination to run. Tom Cosgrove said that he had spoken to a parishioner and he agreed to run. We need to have the bios and pictures to put in the pews the weekend of April 26th-27th. Betty Ryon encouraged Council members if they know of anyone, please encourage them to run. Patrick said he would talk with some of his youth peers about running.

Update on Expansion Usage Plan: Bill Price surveyed St. John's, St. Louis, and St. Michael's, Poplar Springs. The consensus of the churches was that no one has a use policy. Bill spoke with Ryan Potter of the Archdiocese of Baltimore and he said the Archdiocese does not have a use policy. He thought, however, it was a good idea. Bill explained to Ryan Father Barr's philosophy of being open and welcoming to all groups but they need to follow Church practices and teachings. Bill spoke with Connie Blye at St. Michael's, Poplar Springs and they have guidelines that those who use the hall have to go by. Bill volunteered to put together a draft use policy.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Barr

Update on Development Fundraising Effort: To date we have received \$2.7 million dollars in pledges. A cocktail reception for prospective donors was hosted by John and Mary Richardson at Paul's on the South River. Graham-Pelton's contract has been extended for a second time. Council members discussed the need for their services. Request was made by the council to have the members of the Development Committee come to the next Pastoral Council meeting to give an update. Betty will invite Vernon Pizzi and Roy Kilby to the May meeting.

Cluster Facilitator Interviews: Three potential candidates have been interviewed for the facilitator position for the cluster. All were very competent. There will be two staff members, two council members, and two at-large members from the parish. Four members of the staff have volunteered to be on the team (two will be chosen by lottery). Council members were asked to volunteer and to let Betty know by Friday, April 18th. Each parish will have the same number of people on the team. Meetings will be held every four to six weeks and the facilitator will want to meet with each parish team individually at first. The cost will be divided equally among the parishes.

Youth Minister Position: We have received two resumes for the Youth Minister position with interviews scheduled. Mark Pacione, from the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry, contacted Fr. Barr about possible candidates for the position. The Youth Minister will be responsible for Confirmation and High School Religious Education.

Administrative: Receptionist Peggy Green has submitted her resignation effective May 21st. The position has been posted in The Capital newspaper and on their web site. We have received several resumes and the interview process will begin shortly.

Ministry Reports and Questions:

Fellowship: Picnic planning meeting was held on April 14th. All three parishes will now participate. The picnic will be held on September 7th at Camp Barrett in Crownsville. The tentative theme will be "United in Faith."

Each parish will be identifiable by color: White – Holy Family; Blue – Our Lady of Sorrows; Red – Our Lady of Perpetual Help. There will be a Mass at 11:30am. Cost will be \$10 per family; \$5 for an individual and a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks will be provided. It was decided to rent the swimming pool as an added attraction.

Adult Enrichment: Matthew Kelly will be coming to Holy Family on May 7th. Holy Family will be participating and advertising for the One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies which will take place on May 3rd. After First Saturday Mass, Fr. Barr will lead the rosary. We will have information in the pews the weekend of April 19th-20th.

Donation: Ruth Milano recommended the \$1,000 donation this month be given to Hospice of the Chesapeake. This is a non-profit organization that works with patients at the end stage of their lives. Motion made by Tom Cosgrove and seconded by Tessie Ballard. Motion approved.

Calendar Items: Bishop Mitch Rozanski will be celebrating the 9:30am Mass on July 13th. At this Mass, Bishop Rozanski will be presenting a special award to Ted Lombard for his many years of volunteer service to Holy Family. Ted was instrumental in starting our relationship with our sister parish, St. Gregory the Great, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and Eucharistic Adoration.

Future Item: Don Rakoskie recommended to the Council that we invite Deacon Tom Beales to a future meeting of the Council (July) as to the role of a deacon.

Father Barr informed the Council that he suggested that a member from the Board at the School of the Incarnation come to give an update to the Council as to the happenings at the school.

Closing prayer led by Fr. Barr.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Wardrup
April 18, 2008

Edits: BP, BR