

Pastoral Council Meeting
May 28, 2008

Present:

Father Barr	Steve Sabo	Dan Palumbo
Donna Wardrup	Betty Ryon	Liz Coyle
Tom Cosgrove	Bill Price	Colleen McGraw
Ruth Milano	Patrick McKenna	Don Rakoskie
Ed Longo	Dave Surber	Kathy Elder
Molly Brady		

Absent:

Bill Stehle	Tessie Ballard	Don Zukowski
Pam Lemanski	Loretta Haring	Linda Kline
Dan Palumbo	Gail Rivera	

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

Opening prayer led by Colleen McGraw

Review and Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes of the April meeting with one change was made by Bill Price. Seconded by Ruth Milano. Motion approved unanimously.

New Members: Betty Ryon welcomed the newly elected members to the Council – Molly Brady, Kathy Elder and Dave Surber.

Betty reviewed with the Council Members the three-five year priorities set at the March 8th retreat. She explained to the new members the clustering process and how we need to plan having three parishes but only two priests. The South County cluster consists of Holy Family, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Sorrows. A facilitator has been hired to help with this process. Father Barr has asked for volunteers from the staff and Council to be on the team. Two staff members have been selected and two Council members will be needed. Two members of the council volunteered but if anyone else is interested they are to contact Betty.

Building Expansion Update: The Building Committee met on May 15, 2008. Jim Cush updated the committee that the site development plans have been submitted to the County. The building permit will be submitted in June. Construction should begin in the fall of 2008 and be completed in

fall of 2009. The Committee also discussed hiring a consultant to help with the planning of audio/visual equipment and security issues. Patrick McKenna's parents work with audio/visual equipment and may be willing to help. Council suggested placing an announcement in the bulletin asking for parishioners who have experience in this field to help.

Ministry Reports and Questions:

Youth: The Youth Group has raised \$3,083 in pledges from their fast. This money will be used to purchase pews for Holy Family Chapel in Lima, Peru.

The Youth are also sponsoring a car wash on June 7th.

Steubenville Trip is scheduled for June 20th – 22nd. Thirty-five seats had been reserved. They have approximately 20 youth participating.

The new Youth Minister, Ben Lorenz, will be speaking at all Masses the weekend of May 31st – June 1st. He will also be coming to the Family Breakfast on June 8th so families will be able to meet him.

Adult Enrichment: Approximately 300 people attended the Matthew Kelly event. It was very well received. This event reached a different group of people. Discussed how cost effective this was as his fee was \$3,000 and he spoke for about an hour. A collection was taken up which went toward his "school project" where he gives out books to students in high school.

Picnic Update: Kathy Elder informed the Council about the progress on the parish picnic we are planning with Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Sorrows. The picnic will be held at Camp Barrett in Crownsville. Kathy, Joan Jenkins and Barbara Zukowski had the opportunity to go to Camp Barrett to witness a picnic in operation. Kathy spoke with someone there about various activities, parking, and food. Due to the cost, we could not charge \$10.00 per family as we do now. We could expect, between the three parishes, 500-800 people. The Camp has a large dining hall and kitchen that can accommodate us. The Fellowship Committee did receive \$1,000 from the Grant Committee to help with expenses. The picnic planning committees have been discussing the possibility of having an

outdoor Mass. This and other issues still need to be discussed. The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on June 17th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Pastor's Report: Fr. Barr reported that he, Fr. Joe Cosgrove and Fr. Mark Logue met at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Tuesday, May 27th with Catrese Brown, the facilitator working with our cluster. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3rd at Holy Family.

Youth Minister: The new youth minister, Ben Lorenz, will be introduced at all Masses the weekend of May 31st – June 1s. Ben will also be attending the family breakfast as this will give him an opportunity to meet parents and youth.

Capital Campaign: From the Heritage of Hope Campaign we have \$3.5 million on hand. We have raised, to date, \$3.5 million from the Capital Campaign. The mass mailing went out to the parishioners on May 9th. Vernon Pizzi and Roy Kilby, Co-chairs of the Campaign Committee, will give an update at all Masses the weekend of June 7th-8th.

Finance Committee Report: Don Rakoskie presented the FY 2008-2009 budget to the Pastoral Council. The budget was reviewed. Income and expenses of the ministries were discussed. Question was raised if the Capital Campaign goes well would we still need to borrow money from the Archdiocese. Don reported we would need to wait and see how the campaign goes. Ed Longo made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Steve Sabo seconded. Motion approved.

Grant Award Review: The question was raised about the use of the grant money. If the ministry asking for the money did not use all of the money asked for, could it go toward something else? The guidelines state that it can not. A motion was made by Betty Ryon to re-convene the grant award committee to determine if the money can be used for the purpose other than that was approved. Council voted. Yeas – one; Nays – eight; Abstain – one. Motion denied.

New Business:

Goals for Council in the Upcoming Year (Reviewed 3 – 5 year goals):

Expand Parish Evangelization. Work with the “Belonging Leads to Believing” members. Father Barr is having follow-up meeting with them on Saturday, May 31st. The five sessions have been completed. The Council’s role needs to be clear on their role with the neighborhood captains.

Vocations Committee – This would fall under the Adult Enrichment ministry. Staff representative would be Meg O’Neill. Representative from the Archdiocese would be Fr. Gerald Francik.

Religious Education will be held here at Holy Family this year. Times of classes will remain the same. Last year Dan Palumbo and John Klinkam spoke at the weekend Mass to attract catechists. Father Barr feels this would be necessary again.

The Social Justice Committee is very small. Council needs to inform Father Barr is they know of anyone who is interested in helping.

Donation: Patrick McKenna requested the \$1,000 donation this month be given to the Msgr. O’Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD. Patrick has attended Hi-Li at the retreat house and it was a rewarding experience for him. Patrick explained that Hi-Li is a high school leadership program which focuses youth on leadership skills, becoming peer ministers, and helps them to plan liturgies. They also had service days where they helped at Beans and Bread and Sarah’s House. Motion made by Tom Cosgrove and seconded by Don Rakoskie. Motion approved.

Closing prayer led by Father Barr.

Next meeting will be held on June 25th at the rectory. Meeting will begin at 6:30pm followed by a pot-luck dinner at 7pm. Spouses are invited.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Wardrup
May 30, 2008

Edits: BR

