

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 17, 2008

Present:

Father Barr	Donna Wardrup	Pat Mutschler (Finance)
Liz Coyle (Adult Enrich)	Bill Price	Colleen McGraw
Ed Longo	Bill Stehle (Building)	Kathy Elder
Gail Rivera	Dave Surber	Tom Cosgrove
Loretta Haring (Fellowship)		

Absent:

Kaitlin Miller (Youth Rep)	Pam Lemanski (Adult Youth Rep)
Tessie Ballard	Dan Palulmbo (Rel. Ed.)

Meeting called to order by Tom Cosgrove at 7:02pm.

Opening prayer led by Molly Brady.

Review and Approval of Minutes: Reviewed minutes from the July 23, 2008 meeting. No changes were made. Motion to approve made by Pat Mutschler. Seconded by Ed Longo. Motion approved unanimously.

Pastor's Report: Father Barr brought attention to the Legionaries involvement with youth in parishes in the Archdiocese of Baltimore. It has been a problem in some parishes. The Legionaries tend to target wealthy areas. There is involvement from Holy Family, Our Lady of the Fields, and St. John's, Severna Park.

The Greater Annapolis Ministerium will meet on October 21st at Anne Arundel Medical Center to be updated on preparing for a pandemic. Father Barr was approached to be a "host" church in case of an emergency. He had to decline due to our expansion.

Father Barr met with Msgr. Rob Jaskot regarding the addition of an Adoration Chapel in the new expansion. He presented him with the plans. There is a possible problem with the rubics in that an Adoration Chapel should be located closest to the church. The plans we presented would have the chapel at the far corner of the building near the storm water management pond.

Old Business:

Building Expansion: Bill Stehle reported that three bids were presented to the Archdiocese. The bids included the base number and alternatives. A meeting was held at Holy Family on September 5th to review the bids. It was determined at that meeting to interview Hopkins and Wayson. They were interviewed September 10th and awarded the job. The bid came in a little higher than expected. Father Barr has permission to do a \$7 million project. Total project is \$10 million. We are still without the grading and building permits. Bill is in contact with Jim Cush to keep on top of the permits as we are getting down to the wire. If we don't receive them soon, construction may be delayed due to weather.

The adjacent property owners will be notified prior to construction. The property will be staked with barriers in place. Temporary parking will be added. We have submitted all the drawings and documents to the Archdiocesan lawyer, Bob Kern.

Development Fundraising Effort: The Co-Chairs of our Capital Campaign will be speaking to the parish the weekend of October 18-19, 2008. They will be recruiting pledges and giving an update on where we stand with pledges and donations. The intention is to call parishioners in November.

Cluster Plan Update: Colleen McGraw reported that the last cluster meeting was held on August 28th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. At this meeting the group revisited their goals and purpose. Colleen expressed that she thought the group would be the ones that would put together the recommendations for the report for Bishop Rozanski. In actuality, this group will help facilitate information to the parish at large, the staffs, and the Pastoral Councils of all three churches. With the recommendations of all, the group will come together and offer a plan to be sent to Bishop Rozanski. The group has been asked to read "The Hope that Lies Before Us." In this report Cardinal Keeler looked at how to allocate priests across the Archdiocese to ensure pastoral care. The next meeting is Thursday, September 18th where the focus will be on the culture of each parish.

Youth Ministry Planning Update: Molly Brady reported on the youth activities in Kaitlin Miller and Pam Lemanski's absence. The high school youth have planned a retreat at Camp Letts for the weekend of October 10th - 12th. The youth also had a movie night which was very well attended. The Pastoral Council would like to invite Ben Lorenz, Youth Minister, to a future meeting. Upcoming events for the youth will be an outreach to the homeless in Washington, DC.

Cluster/Parish Picnic Update: Kathy Elder reported the cluster picnic was very successful. She thanked the Pastoral Council members and volunteers who helped. 160 families signed up during the weekend Masses and 45 additional families showed up at the picnic for a total of 205 families. There were 650 people in attendance from Holy Family. We estimated the total attending was 1,000 people with 65% from Holy Family, 20% from Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and 15% from Our Lady of Sorrows. The fixed costs were divided equally among the parishes. The consumable items were split on a percentage basis. The Mass was received well by all. Families enjoyed all the activities. Mary Catherine Haines from Our Lady of Sorrows runs a soup kitchen in Baltimore. The leftover food was taken there.

Ministry Reports and Questions:

Finance: Due to the overall economy and the instability of collections from June through August, the Finance Committee is concerned with our ability to meet the operating costs of the new wing when the initial expenditures come on line in May of 2009. The Finance Committee is happy to see that the Building Committee is looking into using energy efficient products to help with overall costs. The Finance Committee suggested that Father Barr consider a campaign in the spring to request additional funds in the collection and to use Faith Direct as an option. The Finance Committee will continue to monitor collections.

Adult Enrichment: A question was posed about the Contemplative Prayer Group and what it was. In the report it used the words "Christian-Zen." Father Barr stated that it will focus on "meditation." The word "zen" should not have been used in describing the program. Another question was asked about the process of "new ministries" being started. The Council thought that new ministries were to be presented to them. Father Barr said that this is a program within a ministry. It is being tried on a limited basis.

New Business: Father Barr was asked to comment on the Council's three to five year priorities with the purpose of stirring interest in Council participation in sub-committees to support the priorities.

- a. Parish Evangelization Efforts – How are we the face of Christ. The “Belonging Leads to Believing” core group is an evangelization effort to some degree. They will be invited to an upcoming Pastoral Council meeting as a follow up.
- b. Explore and Implement Strong Sense of Social Justice – We need the Pastoral Council's help with working on Social Justice. Kathy Duffy has been heading this program virtually by herself.
- c. Complete Cluster Plan – We are moving forward and making progress. Meetings with Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Sorrows are taking place about every four to six weeks.
- d. Expand the Youth Ministry – Ben Lorenz was hired as our full-time youth minister.
- e. Plan for the future of Religious Education – This year's numbers are still being tabulated as the fall school year and CCD kick off. We are anticipating a similar number of students as last year and we still need a few more teachers.
- f. Building Expansion – Use Strategy – Bill Price is hoping to have a working “draft” of a use policy on reaching out to the community. As recommended by the Archdiocese, the theme of the use policy should be that all non-profit groups are welcome, provided their philosophy and purpose are compatible with the teachings of the Catholic Church.
- g. Parish Vocations – Liz Coyle reported that a woman approached her the weekend of the Ministry Fair asking about getting a group together to pray for vocations. Specific times could be set aside during Adoration hours to pray for this much needed ministry.

Parish Evangelization Conference Recap: Tom Cosgrove attended this Conference. Tom felt that we at Holy Family do a lot toward evangelization efforts. We reach out to the community; we offer hospitality, we share and witness to those we meet. Council members should try to think about different types of evangelization efforts at the parish and personal levels.

Donation: Dave Surber recommended the \$1,000 donation be given to the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Family. This money goes to help those in South County who are in need of financial assistance. Motion made by

Pat Mutschler to approve; seconded by Steve Sabo. All in favor. Motion approved.

Miscellaneous Comments – Upcoming Events to Attend

- a. Pastoral Council installation will take place at the 9:30am Mass on September 28th. Four Council members are unable to attend.

Bill Stehle asked how many students are currently registered for Religious Education classes. He would like to have a comparison of numbers from last year to this year. Donna will find out this information from Sharon Graham, Director of Religious Education and report back to Bill.

Tom Cosgrove relayed to the Council that we received “thank you” notes from the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Our Lady of Perpetual for the donation made to them in July and from the Msgr. O’Dwyer Retreat House for the donation made to them in May.

Closing Prayer: Father Barr

Next Meeting: October 22, 2008

Prayer Next Meeting: Gail Rivera

Donation Next Meeting: Molly Brady

Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Wardrup
September 23, 2008