

Pastoral Council Meeting  
January 14, 2009

Present:

Father Barr	Tom Cosgrove	Ed Longo
Pat Mutschler (Finance)	Kathy Elder	Bill Price
Colleen McGraw	Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	
Tessie Ballard	Liz Coyle (Adult Enrichment)	

Absent:

Donna Wardrup	Dan Palumbo (Rel. Ed.)	Bill Stehle
Kaitlin Miller (Youth)	Steve Sabo	Gail Rivera
Dave Surber	Pam Lemanski (Adult Youth Rep.)	
Molly Brady	Ruth Milano (Liturgy)	

Meeting called to order by Tom Cosgrove at 7:25pm.

Opening prayer led by Kathy Elder.

**Review and approval of minutes:** Minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting were reviewed. There being no objection a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Mutschler. It was seconded by Loretta Haring. Motion was approved.

**Belonging Leads to Believing Group:** Debbie and Liz are core members of this group. The discussion for our parish is 30-40-30 (30% of the parish are core members who regularly attend functions, 40 % occasionally attend and participate in parish activities, and 30% seldom attend or participate in parish life) and how they can help us in this area. It was suggested that a subcommittee from our Pastoral Council be formed to decide what the needs for our church are and how best to meet those needs. Members who expressed an interest in vocations on the survey done in October will be asked to serve on the committee. Ideas will be coordinated with Debbie.

**Pastor's Report:** Father Barr reviewed his report with the Pastoral Council. He reported that the fire department did not accept the plans for the inner stairs in the new building. Plans will have to be redesigned for approval. Father Barr also reported that the usage of the building space when the

construction is complete will be a big job. It has been suggested that a policy for the first year's use be instituted that limits use to parish related activities, rather than to the community at large. Thereafter a review will occur each year. He also reported that a bridge loan may be needed to fulfill the monies that are needed to complete the enlargement of the administration building. Father Barr informed us that the footings for the front of the church are still a problem.

**Cluster Report:** Colleen reported that the results of the Cluster meeting were as follows:

- (1) To establish a website to post the minutes from their meetings. This would allow any interested person access to what is going on the Cluster.
- (2) To determine what the parishes can do together.
- (3) To also determine an event that can be done together in the future.

The group, without the priests, discussed what is valued by each individual parish. At some point the Pastoral Council will need to discuss how and what we can do when our priest has less time for our parish. Colleen also asked the Council members to send her an e-mail that describes, in detail, why they attend Holy Family. The goal is to reach the root of the reasons, getting beyond the superficial. Due date for submittals is 1 February.

**Ministry Reports:** All Ministry reports were accepted without discussion.

**Donation:** Steve Sabo's suggestion for the donation is the Association of Retarded Citizens. Due to Steve's absence the donation was tabled until next meeting.

Kathy Elder was approached by parishioners and asked to let it be known that the telephone answering system to reach Fr. Barr was difficult to use especially in times of stress or crisis. She asked if it could be simplified. Fr. Barr said that it was a "package deal" that came with the service.

Also it was brought to Kathy's attention by several parishioners that we need a dedicated handicapped section of the church where those with wheelchairs, etc. can feel safe and comfortable with their families. Our facilities for the

physically challenged need to be examined and updated. It was recommended that Steve Sabo be the person to head up that investigation and report back to the Council. Ushers also need to be alerted if there are people in other areas who need assistance or who need communion brought to them.

**Upcoming Events:** March for Life is 22 January 2009. Super Bowl Subs should be ordered by January 18<sup>th</sup> for Super Bowl Sunday.

**Closing Prayer:** Father Barr

**Meeting adjourned:** 8:10pm

Next Meeting: 18 February 2009

Prayer: Colleen McGraw

Donation: Steve Sabo and Ed Longo

Submitted by: Tessie Ballard

Edits: PM, KE