

Pastoral Council Meeting
April 23, 2009

Present:

Father Barr	Gail Rivera	Bill Price
Pat Mutschler (Finance)	Kathy Elder	Dave Surber
Colleen McGraw	Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	
Kaitlin Miller (Youth)	Ruth Milano (Liturgy)	Steve Sabo
Molly Brady	Donna Wardrup (Rec. Secretary)	

Absent:

Tom Cosgrove	Bill Stehle (Building)	Dan Palumbo (Rel. Ed)
Tessie Ballard	Ed Longo	
Liz Coyle (Adult Enrichment)		

Meeting called to order by Molly Brady at 7:05pm.

Opening prayer led by Dave Surber.

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes from the March 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed. A change was made and noted to the attendance. There being no objection a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Mutschler. It was seconded by Dave Surber. Motion was approved.

Pastor's Report:

Ruth Milano explained the Input Committee is a sub-committee of the Liturgy Committee. It is made up of a group of parishioners who volunteer as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, etc. They meet to discuss and get input on the liturgy, music, homilies, visiting priests, etc. If you have any comments regarding liturgical issues that you would like brought up at this meeting, email Ruth.

Old Business:

Building Expansion Update:

Father Barr handed out a copy of the brochure showing the expansion and the costs of the four phases to review with the Council. We have \$3.5 million from the Heritage of Hope campaign which is slowly growing. We have \$3.5 million in pledges and \$1.5 million in hand. Regular offertory has

been holding steady. Easter Collection was up approximately \$2,000. Poor Box has also been steady.

The plan is to leave phases III and IV for the future. This needs to be done together for esthetic purposes. The Archdiocese of Baltimore is still securing us with a \$2 million loan.

Father Barr will meet with our campaign chairs about giving a talk for furniture in the spring and then do an in-pew pitch in the fall.

Traffic Discussion:

Comments included liking the handicap ramp that was added to the side entrance to the church. We do need to consider having better access for people who have walkers as they have to come through the grass.

It was difficult leaving and entering the church after the 9:30am Mass and before the 11am Mass. Consideration is being given to start the 11am Mass at 11:15am. Father Barr did an impromptu survey at the 11am Mass asking if they wanted to move it to 11:15am. Decision was about equal.

Cluster Plan Update:

Colleen McGraw reported that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at Our Lady of Sorrows.

A meeting was held to discuss the joint web site but she did not have any information to report.

PC Budget Recap for FY09:

The Pastoral Council budget was prepared and submitted. The Finance Committee will be meeting on Saturday, April 25th to balance the budget. The budget will be presented to the Pastoral Council at the May 27th meeting.

Handicap Friendly Initiatives/Ideas Update:

Steve Sabo reported that he met with an architect at the church to look into ideas on how to make the church more wheelchair accessible. The architect will prepare some drawings for review. Steve asked if it would be possible to offer an honorarium for the architect's work. Pat Mutschler (Finance) asked Steve to find out how much time and costs and get back to her. Father Barr suggested that Steve meet with Ruth Milano and Nancy Patterson for suggestions and ideas.

Evangelization Priority Update:

Kathy Elder spoke with Tom Cosgrove about this effort. Tom has had discussions with Debbie Gallagher who was part of the Belonging Leads to Believing Group. Debbie is in the process of collecting materials for research project. The subcommittee from the Council will meet with Debbie in the next couple of weeks to talk about ideas and to see what we can do with the information.

Ministry Reports:

A change was made to the Fellowship and Adult Enrichment Report.

The Youth Group is just back from a weekend retreat. Sixteen attended. It was very successful. They went to Camp Hashawa which is north of Westminster in Carroll County.

New Business:

Pastoral Council Election Update:

Molly Brady reported that the biographies and pictures will be displayed in the bulletin board and will also be in the pews beginning this weekend, April 25th-26th. On May 2nd there will be a "Meet the Candidate" night after the 5pm Mass. Refreshments will be served. Molly asked that current council members be present.

Bill Price, Kathy Elder and Molly Brady volunteered to count the ballots after the election the weekend of May 9th-10th.

Parish Website:

Goals and Objectives will be updated and placed on the website. Point of Contact with email addresses will also be added.

The Council also discussed having the Goals and Objectives as a bulletin insert for those who do not have internet access.

Pastoral Council Fall Retreat:

Fall may be a difficult time to schedule as everyone is very busy at that time of year.

Colleen McGraw suggested having a joint Pastoral Council and Staff retreat to discuss how we will function when we have two priests for three parishes.

Items to be discussed would be:

1. How will we operate?
2. What can be delegated?
3. Who will do what?
4. How do we make decisions?
5. How can we serve as a cluster?

If anyone has any other suggestions for retreat, email Tom Cosgrove.

Parish Picnic Update:

Kathy Elder reported the cluster picnic would be held on August 30th at Camp Barrett. It would basically be the same as last year. The camp will open at 10am with Mass to begin at 11am. The amusements are in place. Our Lady of Perpetual Help is doing the cooking this year. A general meeting is scheduled for June.

Donation:

Kate Miller had two choices for the \$1,000 monthly donation. The first was for the earthquake victims in Italy through Catholic Relief Services and the

second was for World Villages for Children. World Villages for Children provide financial support to over 22,000 children across the world. The organization helps poor children break free from a life of poverty, suffering and despair. Discussion was that we had taken up a poor box collection the prior week for the earthquake victims. Council thought the World Villages for Children would greatly benefit from the donation. Motion was made to approve. All in favor. None opposed.

Thank you notes:

Molly Brady acknowledged receiving two “thank you” notes from the Apostolate of the Sea and the Vocations Office for the Council’s recent donation.

Closing Prayer: Father Barr

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15pm

Next Meeting: May 27, 2009

Prayer Next Meeting: TBD

Donation Next Meeting: TBD

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Wardrup
April 28, 2009