

Pastoral Council Meeting  
June 24, 2009

Present:

Father Barr	Tessie Ballard	Molly Brady
Tom Cosgrove	Liz Coyle (Adult En.)	Kathy Elder
Ed Longo	Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	Colleen McGraw
Pat Mutschler (Finance)	Dan Palumbo (Rel. Ed.)	Bill Price
Betty Ryon	Ann Marie Scrivener	Dave Surber
Ron Van Nest	Donna Wardrup (Rec. Sec.)	

Absent:

Bill Stehle (Building)	Ruth Milano (Liturgy)	Gail Rivera
Kaitlin Miller (Youth)	Steve Sabo	

Meeting called to order by Tom Cosgrove at 6:45pm.

Opening prayer led by Betty Ryon.

**Introduction of newly elected Council member:** Newly elected Pastoral Council member Anne Marie Scrivener introduced herself to the Council.

**Review and approval of minutes:** Minutes from the May 27, 2009 meeting were reviewed. There being no objection, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Pat Mutschler. Motion was seconded by Tessie Ballard. Motion was approved.

**Pastor's Report:**

**Pastoral Team:** When Fr. Barr was appointed here in May of 1995, the interim administrator set up a Pastoral Team consisting of staff members who were the heads of ministry. Father Barr has since kept this. The Pastoral Team consists of the head of Adult Enrichment, Religious Education, Administration of the parish office, Business Manager, and Liturgy/Music. The team meets once a month.

**Corporators:** By Canon Law, the pastor meets with the Corporators of the parish to review finances and to keep them updated on parish business. Each parish has two Corporators and the pastor assigns them. Seminars are being scheduled to keep Corporators informed on their role in the parish.

**Old Business:**

**Handicap Friendly Initiatives Follow up:** At the May meeting Jim Martin was present and gave a tour of the church and ideas on how to make it more handicap accessible. Ruth Milano will continue to follow up with this issue.

**Building Expansion Update:** Flooring options are still being discussed for the social hall. Staff members have been asked to give their furniture, technology needs, and security (key) needs to the Business Manager.

Religious Education classes will be held at Holy Family this year. Classes may start a little later than originally planned due to the construction. Sharon Graham, Director of Religious Education and Jim Fehr, Business Manager, have discussed how to use the existing space to hold classes.

Archbishop O'Brien will celebrate the 11am Mass on Sunday, December 6, 2009, and dedicate our new Spiritual Life Center.

Betty Ryon will update the Building Expansion information to be included on the website.

Father Barr will set up a time to take the Council members on a tour of the facility.

**Capital Campaign – Fundraising Effort Update:** We have received 187 pledges totaling \$3.5 million. Cash received is \$1.6 million.

**Cluster Plan Update:** A joint staff meeting was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with Holy Family, Our Lady of Perpetual Help and Our Lady of Sorrows. The staffs were brought up to date on what the cluster planning team has been doing. The Pastoral Councils from all three parishes are scheduled to meet on Monday, July 13, 2009, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The Councils will be given the same presentation as the staff. Information will then go out to the parishioners in the fall.

**Parish Website – PC Goals Document:** The Pastoral Council Goals and Objectives have been updated and placed on the website.

**Cluster Picnic Update:** Plans are underway for this year's picnic. It will be held on Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Camp Barrett. The Pastoral Councils from all three parishes will be asked to help with set up and clean up. If anyone has any ideas or concerns, please email Kathy Elder.

### **Ministry Report and Questions:**

**Youth Report:** Youth Trip to Appalachia went very well. The group learned a lot about the culture in Kentucky. They met two youth groups from California and Florida. They did construction work and help in the food pantry. Also did work on the farm. The focus of the trip was to serve. Mass was held each day. The Council was thanked for their donation as the youth needed it to secure a van.

**New Business:**

**Men's Accountability Group:** A new ministry was proposed by Adult Enrichment to have a Men's Accountability Group. This group has stemmed from the Men's Cenacle Group. The purpose of the ministry was reviewed with the Council for approval. This group is for men of adult age. They would have time for prayer, guest speakers, discussion, etc. Resources needed for the group would be use of facility space. Currently the budget does not allow for outside speakers. Therefore, speakers would come from within the group. Council discussed that there is potential to start this ministry. How often the group would meet would need to be determined. Advertising of the ministry would also need to be done. A motion was made by Ed Longo to approve the new ministry. Motion was seconded by Dave Surber. All were in favor. Motion approved.

**Fall Retreat topics:** November 7<sup>th</sup> has been set as the date for the joint Pastoral Council/Staff retreat to be held at Holy Family. The retreat will be held from 9am to 3pm. Refreshments will be served prior to the start. Fr. Dominique Peridans will facilitate from 9:15am to 11am. Fr. Barr, Deacon Tom Beales, Meg O'Neill and Colleen McGraw (member of the cluster planning team) will give a presentation at 11am. Lunch will be at Noon. Council members will then continue until 3pm to further discuss the Goals and the Neighborhood Captain concept.

**Evangelization:** Kathy Elder proposed having dignified removable bumper stickers for cars that would identify us as Holy Family Parishioners. She showed samples to the Council. This could be used as an evangelization tool.

**Pastoral Council Farewells:** Father Barr thanked Molly Brady, Kaitlin Miller, Gail Rivera, Pat Mutschler and Bill Price for their time and service on the Council.

**Pastoral Council Elections:** Elections were held for position of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Corresponding Secretary. Nominations were made and votes cast for each of the three positions. The results were:

- Chairperson – Tom Cosgrove
- Vice-Chairperson – Ed Longo
- Corresponding Secretary – Tessie Ballard

**Donation:** Pat Mutschler recommended the \$1,000 donation be sent to the Apostleship of the Sea. This ministry provides religious support to mariners. The Archdiocese of Baltimore serves the Port of Baltimore. A motion was made to approve the donation. The motion was seconded by Molly Brady. Motion approved.

**Upcoming events to attend:**

July 12-16 – Vacation Bible Camp, Davidsonville United Methodist Church  
July 13 – Cluster Pastoral Council meeting, 7pm, Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
August 22 – Evangelization Conference – Resurrection – Ellicott City  
August 30 – Cluster Picnic – Camp Barrett

**Closing Prayer** – Father Barr

**Next Meeting: September 23, 2009** – Narthex

**Prayer next meeting:** Ron Van Nest

**Donation next meeting:** Colleen McGraw

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Wardrup  
June 26, 2009

Edits: TC