

Pastoral Council Meeting
December 16, 2009

Present:

Father Barr	Tessie Ballard	Tara Barber (Youth Rep.)
Tom Cosgrove	Liz Coyle (Adult Enrich.)	Kathy Elder
Dave Surber	Betty Ryon	Bill Stehle (Building)
Dan Palumbo (Rel. Ed.)	Kathleen Orndorff (Finance)	Ann Marie Scrivener
Colleen McGraw	Loretta Haring (Fellowship)	Ron Van Nest
Donna Wardrup (Rec. Sec.)		

Absent:

Steve Sabo Ed Longo

Meeting called to order by Tessie Ballard at 6:40pm.

Opening prayer led by Tara Barber.

Review and approval of minutes: Minutes from the November 18, 2009, meeting were reviewed. There being no objection, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Palumbo. Motion was seconded by Kathleen Orndorff. Motion was approved.

Pastor's Report:

Board of Pastors' The Board consists of the pastors from Holy Family, Holy Apostles, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of the Fields, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Joseph's in Odenton. The pastors meet with Dr. Edmondson, principal of the School of the Incarnation. They meet every other month to discuss items relevant to the school. Current enrollment is 780 students with a maximum of 810. The mortgage payment for the school has been paid. We do not owe money for the land. Fr. Kevin Mueller, pastor at Holy Apostles, is being moved effective January 1, 2010, to Our Lady Queen of Peace in Middle River.

Ministry Reports and Questions:

Fellowship: Events were held in the new Social Hall. Everything went very well. Over 500 people attending the reception after the Dedication Mass on December 6th. Parishioners were very generous in supplying food.

Liturgy – Input Committee Meeting: Members of the Input Committee are a cross-section of parishioners who represent various ministries. These members were asked by Fr. Barr and the Liturgy Committee to be a part of this committee. Comments from their meetings are taken to the Liturgy Committee who, in turn, gives the information to the respective personnel.

Old Business:

Capital Campaign: 227 pledges have been received totaling \$3.67 million. Cash received from pledges is \$1.857 million. On December 15, 2009, 206 reminder letters were sent to those who have made a pledge.

Cluster Plan Update: The cluster team met before Thanksgiving. Items discussed focused on Mass schedules and the scheduling of the priest's time. The goal is to keep all Masses and not omit any due to a lack of priests, especially for the weekend Masses. Priests from outside of the parish would try to be scheduled to help with weekend and daily Masses. Daily Mass attendance numbers would need to be tracked. More discussion is needed to address holy days and special Masses (services), i.e., Ash Wednesday.

Scheduling of baptisms, weddings, funerals were also discussed. A "central" schedule would need to be kept at all three parishes to coordinate the priest's schedules

A "governing" cluster board may need to be in place to oversee cluster related issues. Question remains how much authority would they have. The Pastoral Council and staff would remain at each parish.

Catholic Neighborhood Network: Ed Longo has been in the forefront of activity on this project. Ed sent a friendly "test" email to twenty people and no one responded. Council discussed resending the email asking for a response. Tom Cosgrove is working with three neighborhoods and is making calls to get email addresses. A suggestion was made to put an announcement in the bulletin to let parishioners know what is taking place and to expect an email or phone call. Tom Cosgrove will send an announcement to be placed in the bulletin.

New Business

2010 Goals: During the second portion of the joint Pastoral Council/Staff retreat the Council focused on collecting data for their 2010 goals. There are nine goals. After discussion at the November meeting it was decided that the Council members would add input to the goals to add objectives and metrics. Tom Cosgrove, Ed Longo and Tessie Ballard worked on putting all the input into one document. These goals will become parish goals. They will need to be sent to Holy Family staff for their review and input. Tom Cosgrove proposed to offer goals as written and to move goals to staff for comment. Ron Van Nest proposed to hold off for one month before sending the goals to the staff. Kathy Elder seconded this motion. Ron stated that this is the first time the Council members have seen the "draft" goals. More time is necessary to review them. Ron motioned to make a decision at the January meeting to send the goals to the staff. This would give the Council members time to create a final draft. Final notes are to be sent to Tom Cosgrove, Ed Longo, and Tessie Ballard by January 7th.

Donation: Tessie Ballard recommended the \$1,000 donation be given to Food Link. Loretta Haring seconded the motion. Food Link helps other agencies with food, diapers, etc., for those less fortunate. Tessie recommended that we provide gift cards to Food Link in case someone needs specialty items that they don't provide. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Closing Prayer and Blessing over dinner: Father Barr

Meeting adjourned: 7:30pm

Next meeting: January 21, 2010 – 7pm, Library

Prayer next meeting: Anne Marie Scrivener

Donation next meeting: Loretta Haring

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Wardrup
December 22, 2009

Edits: CM, TC, RVN