

February 22, 2006 Pastoral Council Meeting Agenda
7pm

1. Opening Prayer (Therese) 7:10

Present: Lyle Garcia, Pam Stewart, Fr. Bill, Marilyn Wickel, Dana Wilson, Therese Shick, Jim DeVito, and Mary Connolly

Absent: Ron Pojedinec and Bill Gerristead

2. Report on Speak Up Sessions (Jim and Marilyn)

Jim and Marilyn reviewed the process they went through to prepare for the Speak Out sessions. They were trained by the diocese and then recruited scribes and refreshment providers. They indicated that the teen session was not successful and felt that was due to an oversight in scheduling it on Super Bowl Sunday. The Sunday afternoon session (2/12) was cancelled because of the snow storm. The Monday morning session (2/13) had 15 people and the Monday evening had 6. They felt it was a good process and provided the Council with a summary of the input from the 3 questions posed at the sessions. The Synod will be this fall. Marilyn and Fr. Bill will both be delegates. Marilyn is also on the commission for Parish Life, which is one of the topic areas that will be discussed. There will be a second phase to the Speak Out this spring.

3. Selection of new Chairperson for 5/06 to 5/07

Jim DeVito agreed to accept the position as Chair, with Mary Connolly as Co-Chair. It was felt that this structure would assist future leadership transitions. At the next meeting a new scribe will be decided. This may be someone from the Council or a non-member volunteer.

4. Discussion of John Cole's proposal

Fr. Bill reviewed a variety of diocese level and parish level awards that have been given out in the past. He also indicated that when active parishioners leave the area they are also given an award of appreciation. It was felt that we should look at recognition throughout the parish as part of our Stewardship commitment. Lyle will draft a letter to John Cole indicating this broader focus, the fact that the Council has focused their energies on the Five Year Plan at this time, and that we would like to sit down with him in the future if he would like to pursue this effort (perhaps the summer).

5. Calendar review

Jim will send a new calendar and another contact list. There were no changes made to the calendar.

6. Discussion of 5 Year Plan
Proposed revisions of issue 1.0.

Lyle indicated that the office staff has been very excited in his conversations with them regarding the Five Year Plan.

Corrections and suggestions were reviewed with issue 1.0. Lyle will make the changes.

The Council discussed the input received and decided to proceed with Jim's proposal. This procedure will utilize contact leaders and/or staff members to gather input for the 7 key areas of parish life. A list of questions was provided. The Council will look to have this information by our next meeting (3/15), recognizing the short amount of time. The contacts are as follows:

Word and Worship: Therese will contact the Barbone's

Formation: Marilyn will contact Rose Fay and Annette Tagliareni

Social Ministry: Therese will contact Earl Roberts

Evangelization: Therese will contact Earl (*I am unclear as to whether Therese or Earl will contact the Dean's and Cindy Geiger*)

Community Life: Pam will contact Jim Murray

Stewardship: Jim will contact Anthony DeStefano

Leadership: Dana will review this section as it applies to the Pastoral Council

Jim will develop approximately 4 overall goals for the Plan.

Lyle will incorporate the changes from tonight and e-mail draft 1.2 within the week for Council review and input.

Lyle asked each member to reflect on the meeting. Comments included: optimistic about progress; moving forward; accomplished a lot; we work well off a written document, it helps our dialogue; appreciate Lyle's hard work on the initial draft.

Closing Prayer (Therese)

Time: 9:30

Minutes prepared by Mary Connolly 2/23/06