

Opening prayer (Pam) 9:40

Present: Lyle Garcia, Pam Stewart, Ron Pojidenic, Dana Wilson, Therese Shick, Jim DeVito, Bill Gerristead and Mary Connolly

Absent: Fr. Bill and Marilyn Wickel

During our prayer discussion everyone was encouraged to read the Vatican II article provided by Fr. Bill.

5 Year Plan Development

Timeline Discussion- Lyle will present a proposed timeline for completing the 5 year Plan. The objective of the discussion is to gain consensus on both the process to be followed to gain broad input, as well as to link the completion of the plan with proposed, May Town Meeting.

A summary of the Pastoral Council's progress thus far on the Five Year Plan will be put in the bulletin.

Lyle will send a letter to the ministries to explain the process we are going to develop the Five Year Plan.

Another Pastoral Council member will join with Fr. Bill to present an overview of our Five Year Plan process.

Individual staff members will be interviewed for their input prior to meeting with others in their ministry.

The church staff will be asked to set up meetings with their ministry and a member of the Pastoral Council for the purpose of gaining their input. (For example, Earl Roberts will set up a meeting with all the "stakeholders" in social ministry.)

Team Reports- Some of the groups have been able make progress on their assigned sub sections of the plan. These groups will report out on their work.

Lyle will condense all of our input into a rough document and get it to us for our review and feedback. A rough timeline was developed to have a document ready for presentation at the May Town meeting.

The major components that will be investigated will include the following categories: Spirituality, Word and Worship, Education, Social Ministry/Evangelization, Social Life, Stewardship, Facilities, and Leadership. As more information and input is received, these categories may change.

Break Out Groups- We will break into our sub groups for about one hour in order to further develop our sub group tasks

Reassemble- We will come back together and report out on our additional progress we will also form a sub committee to work between our meetings to develop draft #1 of our Plan We worked as a whole for the entire meeting.

Pastoral Council Leadership (Lyle) - We need to appoint a new Council Chair. The Covenant calls for the Chair to serve a one year term. When we formed this current Council, I told the group that I would serve through December, 2005, and then we could reevaluate. The objective of that approach was to provide new members with the opportunity to assume the Council Chair position, if interested. Given the early stage of our team development, I am willing to continue serving as the Chair through May, the end of year one (I also served for one year as the chair of the Governance Planning group). I am also willing to retain lead responsibility for the development of our 5 year plan. I believe that the Council would be served by deciding on the next chair, NOW. This would provide for an orderly transfer of responsibility. Since I will remain as a council member, I am willing to continue in a supporting role.

It was agreed that May would be a logical transition time for now and for the future. Lyle has agreed to stay on until that time. We are each going to reflect and discern for the next month. A decision will be made at the February meeting as to our next chair. That person will work with Lyle for a smooth transition. (February meeting has been changed from 2/25 to 2/22.)

Discussion of proposal presented by John Cole (Youth Leadership Award) John sent Fr. Bill and I a proposal to establish a new recognition award. A copy is attached. We will discuss this proposal and determine what further action we want to take.

Lyle has spoken to John Cole. John is willing to follow through in terms of fine-tuning the proposal. The Pastoral Council appreciated his initiative and leadership role in this proposal.

This proposal was tabled until we had full Pastoral Council input.

Mary will contact John with our decision to table the proposal until our next meeting.

2006 Calendar (Jim) Jim has provided us with a revised calendar. We need to reach agreement.

Our next meeting has been changed from 2/15 to 2/22. Therese will put it on the master schedule and on the website.

Comments were made that we seemed to work more efficiently in the morning.

Jim will e-mail each of us with the newest revision (including 4/8 instead of 4/1).

Diocesan Synod (Jim)

Jim and Marilyn are representing SJN in this process. Since Marilyn is unable to attend our meeting, Jim will brief the Council on upcoming sessions to be held at St. John's.

Jim presented a brief overview of the process at St. John's. Four sessions have been scheduled. Pastoral Council members are strongly encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

Discussion of any other items which might be raised by Council members.

No items at this time. All felt it was a productive meeting.

Closing Prayer (Pam) **12:45**