

NOVEMBER 11, 2006 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting began at 9:45, as several members were late. Attending were Fr. Bill, Jim DeVito, Lyle Garcia, Bill Geeristead, Ron Pojedenic, Dana Wilson, Marilyn Wickel. Absent were Mary Connolly, Therese Schick, and Pam Stewart.

1. The opening prayer was led by Lyle Garcia
2. The September meeting minutes were approved without change.
3. The area of community life and the role of the Pastoral Council was discussed. Fr. Bill suggested, and the rest of the Council agreed, that the best way to proceed was to identify a person interested in coordinating the community life activities, and to allow that person to shape the role. The Council discussed whether multiple candidates should be identified. We also discussed the need to be careful not to prejudge or filter candidates. It was agreed that the discernment process should be for Community Life, and the need to weave in both a spiritual and social element into all of our community activities. Ron agreed to draft a proposed bulletin announcement for discussion at our December meeting.
4. Final preparation for the 11/13 Town Meeting was discussed. It was agreed that set up would be done Sunday at 1:30pm. The consensus was that Jim should encourage persons interested in joining the Council should be encouraged to attend one of the Council meetings.
5. Since Pam was unable to attend, it was decided to defer the discussion of the radio show. On the topic of "after Mass Coffees" (socialization), the discussion concluded with the decision to hold the first Coffee in February, with the Council assuming responsibility. Subsequently, we will ask different groups to assume responsibility on a rotating basis. would probably be held after the 5pm, 8am, and 10:30am Masses.
6. Marilyn, Dana, and Lyle discussed some of the high points of the diocesan presentation by Brother Laughlin Sofield. The conclusion reached was that we have all personally gained a lot by attending this type of session, and that as a Council, we need to encourage more individuals to attend these sessions to capitalize on these educational opportunities.
7. The discussion of Pastoral Council effectiveness was again deferred. Jim asked that we review the document he had forwarded from the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings, regarding the evaluation of council effectiveness.
8. Marilyn briefed the council on the status of the Diocesan Synod. There is still one more meeting before recommendations are finalized. We specifically discussed proposal 31 relating to youth ministry. We will discuss the Synod recommendations more in the future.
9. Under the Pastor's Corner, Fr. Bill covered the following topic
 - a. Most recent financial report
 - b. Status of the Bishop's Annual Appeal: \$13,109 from 73 families vs. a goal of \$46,300. It is highly unlikely that we will reach our goal, due to a loss of two large donors. Fr. Bill is awaiting diocesan response to his request for a revised goal.
 - c. Distributed and discussed the fund raising report
 - d. In response to a question regarding Parish financial health, Fr. Bill stated that we are "in the black", but borderline. We are highly dependent on large donors. He also reported that the driveway repaving has been paid for with the last of the proceeds from the sale of the Califon parish house.
 - e. Reported on the status of planning for the 25th anniversary celebrations:
 - 10/20/07 Concert
 - 5/08 Formal dinner
 - 10/4/08 Picnic
 - f. Distributed and discussed the Bishop's letter regarding changes in Eucharistic procedures. Intinction will cease. However, Fr. Bill cautioned everyone to be considerate of all parishioners as the new process is put into place. Eucharistic Ministers should not refuse to allow intinction, nor do anything to embarrass parishioners receiving the Eucharist. The Bishop has temporarily delayed implementation of a ruling to disallow Eucharistic Ministers from purifying the sacred vessels after Mass
10. Agenda items for the December 6 meeting will include Evaluation of Council Effectiveness, report on the 11/29 Property Management Committee meeting, evaluation of the Town meeting, proposed Covenant revisions, and discussion of the area of leadership (Jim will consult with Dana).
11. The closing prayer was led by Lyle Garcia

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55.

Minutes prepared by Lyle Garcia