

April 16, 2008 Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
7:00 PM

OPENING PRAYER Fr. Bill (7:05 PM)

Present: John Cole, Pam Stewart, Lyle Garcia, Marilyn Wickel, Mary Connolly, Fr. Bill, Kevin Dean, Dana Wilson, Phyllis Baker and Therese Shick

1. AGENDA OVERVIEW (Mary)

Mary Connolly discussed the 2008-09 calendar with the office staff. The PC meetings for 2008 have previously been assigned and these are the meeting dates for the PC meetings through June of 2009:

January 21, 2009
February 21, 2009
March 18, 2009
April 22, 2009
May 16, 2009
June 17, 2009

Mary will provide these to Rita Price so that they get on the main scheduling book.

2. UPDATE RADIO PROGRAM (Pam)

Due to scheduling issues and the work surrounding the 25th Anniversary celebration, it was agreed that the next radio program would be postponed until the fall of 2008. Fr. Bill, Mary, Dana, Kevin, and Pam have expressed interest in being a part of this program. The date that has been proposed is Tuesday, October 28, 2008.

3. FIVE YEAR PLAN UPDATE (Lyle)

Lyle Garcia gave two handouts that explained the progress of the subcommittee. They have met three times up to this point and have another meeting scheduled for Saturday April 26th. The subcommittee has reviewed all but 5 of the 16 sections of the Five Year Plan. The remaining sections are substantial in nature. Lyle hopes the review will be completed in the following manner:

Complete the sub committee review (in process now)
Prepare a revised draft
Distribute to the PC for review, comments, and changes
Distribute/Discuss with staff and key ministries
Revise to include all changes/additions
PC approval of updated plan

As we prepare for Fr. Bill's eventual retirement, it is vital that we make sure our parish is in a position to operate without him. The Five Year Plan is key to that success. It was also agreed that several parishioners should be trained to lead a Liturgy in absence of a Priest. This could be important not only when Fr. Bill retires, but for any time when we may find we don't have a Priest present for Mass.

4. RECRUITMENT UPDATE (All)

The Info Night went well with six interested parishioners attending. They were Eileen Papon, Roger Malone, Bill Harrison, Joanne Gardner, Tom Rodenhi, and Kathleen Bergmann.

There will be two Discernment Evenings. The first will be held on Thursday April 24, 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Drexel Room and will be led by Lyle Garcia and Phyllis Baker. The second date (if necessary) will be on Thursday, May 8th at 7:30 PM and will be led by Marilyn Wickel and Mary Connolly.

At the June 1, 2008 10:30 Mass, the new members of the Pastoral Council will be welcomed. The June 18, 2008 PC meeting will be the first meeting with the new members in attendance. Phyllis Baker will be the chairperson for the 2008-09 year, Kevin Dean will be the co-chair and Mary Connolly will be the Secretary.

5. NEW MEMBERS' PROGRAM UPDATE (Fr. Bill)

Only two people have expressed an interest in St. John's since we discussed this topic at our last PC meeting. There have been no developments in the program to this point.

6. PASTOR'S CORNER (Fr. Bill)

- Fr. Bill has proposed organizing a Picnic/Party to include all present and past Pastoral Council members.
- Fr. Bill handed out the following papers:
 - Upside Down Church: Mega Trends in Catholicism** (Excerpts from a presentation by John Allen, Jr.)
 - A Primer on Postmodernism** by Stanley J. Grenz
 - Arise, my Love (Mysticism for a New Era)** by William JohnstonFr. Bill would like these documents to be read and pondered in preparation for the Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 PC meeting. These will be used in the spiritual formation/discussion part of that meeting.
- The 25th Anniversary Celebration continues on May 18th, 2008 at a 2:00 PM Mass. The Anniversary book is close to being done. Fr. Bill is hoping for some additional help in getting the Journal together. The menu for the celebration has been planned. The Gala Picnic (for the 25th Anniversary) will take place on October 4, 2008 with a Mass at 3:00 PM followed by a picnic and activities.
- Fr. Bill would like a renewed emphasis placed on the spiritual formation of the members of the Pastoral Council. Fr. Bill will continue to search for opportunities to do this. He also feels more attention should be placed on prayer within the Council.
- It is important to make sure that any/all activities in the Parish are logged in the main scheduling book located in the Office. This includes times when someone wishes to speak at Mass or do something in the Narthex afterward.

- The Town Meeting for the fall has been preliminarily set for Monday November 10th, 2008 at 6:30 PM.
- Barbara Martalus is the new Chairperson of the Property Management Committee.

7. SATURDAY MAY 17TH MEETING TOPICS

May Prayer: Phyllis Baker

Formation: Remember Shared Wisdom papers

Discuss an outline for next year's agenda topics

New member status

John Cole has volunteered to be the Secretary for this meeting

CLOSING PRAYER (Fr. Bill) 9:15 PM

Minutes prepared by Therese Shick
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