

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

OPENING PRAYER: (Mary) 7:05 PM

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

1. AGENDA OVERVIEW (Mary)

2. FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE (Fr. Bill/Dana)

The Fundraising Committee is currently comprised of the following people: Fr. Bill, Sharon Lohrman, Marybeth Harrison, Dana Wilson, Christa Bachman Daleny, Janice Stemple, and Fran Barbone. One of the important aspects of this committee is to oversee and brainstorm fundraising activities. They are not expected to be running events. The committee is also evaluating events after they take place. The format of the committee is modeled after the Pastoral Council and is working very well. Fr. Bill handed out two documents: 1) A summary of net fundraising activity from July 1, 2007 through January 8, 2008 and 2) The agenda from the Nov. fundraising committee meeting.

3. DISCUSS COVENANT REVIEW (Mary/All)

The Council agreed to make a few changes to the Covenant document. One change was regarding the review of prior meetings' minutes at Council meetings. It was agreed that the minutes would only be reviewed "as necessary". Another change was the statement that the Communications Plan would be reworked on an annual basis. It was agreed that the plan would be reviewed on a regular basis. Mary volunteered to make the above changes and also update the PC Communications Schedule page.

4. DISCUSS TOWN MEETING FORMAT FOR MAY (All)

Fr. Bill suggested that because of the planning/events surrounding the 25th Anniversary celebration that we forgo the town meeting for May of 2008. It was agreed that these events would be a great forum for parish communication and fellowship which is one of the main objectives of the town meeting.

5. DISCUSS REVISIONS TO THE FIVE YEAR PLAN (Lyle/All)

Lyle suggested that a subcommittee be formed to review and update the 5 Year Plan. Fr. Bill, Mary, Phyllis, Kevin, and Lyle (the chair of the sub committee) would be the participants. Input will be sought from St. John's staff and laity. The hope is to update the plan with realistic ownership, start and completion dates. This revised plan will be initially presented to the PC at the April 16th meeting, with a final revision to be approved at the May 17th meeting.

6. DISCUSS RECRUITMENT DIRECTION (All)

The original date for welcoming the new members of the Council for 2008 was on May 11th, which is Pentecost Sunday. It was agreed because of the timing and the early date of Pentecost this year that the welcoming would be moved to the first Sunday in June. Mary volunteered to come up with the dates of the events leading up to the welcoming such as an informational coffee, a general info session, and possible discernment dates.

7. PASTOR'S CORNER (Fr. Bill)

As of January 10th, St. John's had met 98.72% of its goal for the Bishop's Annual Appeal. The original goal was \$30,500 with \$30,110 pledged to date, and \$25,000 paid. This was achieved with the participation of 149 donors.

The Property Management Committee is surveying the groups/committees at St. John's to help in assessing our current facilities and planning for future use and maintenance of the buildings and grounds. Fr. Bill handed out a copy of the survey that was given to the Fundraising Committee in November. The PC was given a copy of the survey that they will be asked to take, and this will be completed by the Council at the Feb. 16th meeting.

The Property Management Committee met on January 15th. They are doing well and continuing to move forward. Energy conservation tasks are ongoing. The Church interior will be painted soon.

Fr. Bill handed out a document which describes the past Discovery Sunday process and also the proposed new process. The PC will be reviewing this document at the February 16th meeting.

The 25th Anniversary Committee is busy getting ready for the second celebration date (May 18th). A booklet will be put together that will include many photos from St. John's. The words from the song "All are Welcome" will be used on the pages as inspiration for the content of the photos on that page. Fr. Bill asked the council to review the words from the song to help brainstorm ideas for photos. The Committee is hoping to have three books in conjunction with the celebration. One would be the general book about the parish. Another one would be a souvenir book that would have ads and patrons to help pay for the costs associated with printing. The souvenir book would be for the celebration day on May 18th. And the final book would be an archive of all the information that has been gathered in the years leading up to this 25th Anniversary. Only 2-3 copies of this would be made and kept in the parish for anyone to see.

Fr. Bill mentioned a spiritual opportunity for the PC. This is on April 12th from 8:00 to 4:00 at St. Elizabeth's. Fr. Bill will have more information on this at a later date.

The blog has not proven as successful as Fr. Bill would have hoped. Brainstorming needs to continue in regards to connecting with the youth of our parish.

It was reaffirmed that tickets for Italian Night are to be offered for individual sale as well as by the table. The tables are available for \$200 each and the individual tickets can be purchased for \$30.

8. SATURDAY FEBRUARY 16TH PC MEETING TOPICS (Mary/All) 8:30 AM
Brainstorm individuals for the new membership on the PC
Complete the Property Management Survey
Input to the proposed “Introduction to St. John’s”
Brainstorm ideas for the words to “All Are Welcome”
Youth Ministry

CLOSING PRAYER (Mary) 9:40 PM