

**Wednesday October 15, 2008**

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**Opening Prayer: Dana Wilson**

**Present:** Fr. Bill, Dana Wilson, Pam Stewart, Eileen Papson, Bill Harrison, Kevin Dean, Mary Connolly, Pam Casserly, John Cole, Phyllis Baker

**AGENDA OVERVIEW (Phyllis)**

**PASTOR'S CORNER (Fr Bill)**

- *Readings:* "GROUP LEADERSHIP: The Process Skills – Reflections 9 and 10"
- Fr. Bill provided each member with a copy of an "Accomplishments" worksheet. This will be used as a reflection tool for Parish Committees as well as for Pastoral Council members. The completed sheets will be discussed at the November meeting.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

- **Town Meeting Update** – Guest Speaker (Fr. Bill) Sr. Donna Ciangio, O.P. is confirmed as our Town Meeting speaker. The Pastoral Council will provide her with questions and/or issues beforehand. She will also include a dialogue-type format as part of her presentation, "The Best of Times and the Worst of Times".
- **Town Meeting Planning (ALL)** A light pizza supper will be offered beginning at 6:30. Available Pastoral Council members are asked to arrive by 5:30 to assist with set up. Dessert and coffee will be available after the presentation.
- **Five-Year Plan Update (Kevin)** In August, the subcommittee completed a review of the Social Ministry, Evangelization and Financial Strength and Stability sections of the Five Year Plan. Anthony DeStefano has also completed a review of the Stewardship section. These updates will soon be reflected on the master document. The Pastoral Council will update the Leadership section at our November meeting. The goal is to then have a full Pastoral Council review of the entire updated document.
- **RADIO SHOW (Pam)** Questions for the October, 28 radio show were reviewed. Fr. Bill, Kevin Dean and Mary Connolly will represent the Pastoral Council during a live interview from 5:00pm-6:00pm on WDVR 89.7 (south of Trenton it is 91.9). Caller questions will be encouraged. A bulletin announcement will be made next weekend.

**BUSINESS ITEMS OF ONGOING CONCERN – Creative Ways of Approach (ALL)**

- Communications and the use of general emailing.
- The barrier to volunteerism and how to break it (motivation).
- Registration in the Parish (Discovery Sunday) – pitfalls.
- Lethargy around committee, meetings and responsibility.
- Review of registered Parishioners – drop – donations (auto giving).
- Procedural process of Farewell Letters
- Evangelization Component

This list represents area of continued discussion. This meeting the Council focused on the Evangelization component. The Evangelization Committee is looking for additional members with the hopes of energizing this vital aspect of parish life. A notice with explanations of the areas of involvement for this committee will be in the next bulletin. Additional dialogue revolved around the need for our parish to assist all in feeling they are a welcomed part of our Catholic community. The Pastoral Council recognizes their individual responsibilities in promoting this effort. The coffee socials offered after Mass were seen as a positive experience and might be promoted to other ministries to assist them in describing their activities and welcoming new members. There was also a discussion of a dinner of appreciation to all the volunteers of our parish.

**GUEST** – Committee Representative(s)

**8:00pm “Religious Education” Representative** – Liaison: John Cole This was postponed until November 15 due to Dr. Fay being ill.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday November 15, 2008 8:30am

Prayer: Pam Casserly

Pam Stewart will prepare a new prayer schedule through May 2009.

Bring a completed “Accomplishments” sheet.

Review questions/issues for Sr. Donna Ciangio’s presentation.

Finalize Town Meeting preparations.

Review Leadership section of the Five Year Plan.

Religious Education representative.

Finance Council representative.

**Closing Prayer: Dana Wilson**

TIME: 9:30

Minutes prepared by Mary Connolly 10/17/2008