

Pastoral Council Meeting

May 19 2009

6:30

St. Michael's Gathering Space

Meeting called by: Fr. Bill and Council Leaders **Type of meeting:** Monthly
Facilitator: John Townsend **Secretary:** Laurie Bootz/Judy Staszak

Attendees: Sean Bennett, Laurie Bootz, Mary Brotz, Deacon Peter Burek, Bruce Chopp, Steve Crooks, Fr. Bill Grevatch, Rose Kampschroer, Pat Kinney, Mike Maher, John Neumueller, Steve Opatik, Ann Robison, Sara Ryan, Jill Schlueter, Sue Soriano, Glen Sowinski, Judy Staszak, Denise Sullivan, Jean Tehan and John Townsend. **Staff:** LeeAnn Lella. **Absent:** Fr. Dan Hackel.

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:32

Agenda item: Stewardship Committee Update **Presenter:** Sue Soriano

Discussion: There is an education component by using Stewardship in your daily life. This is a work in progress. Each committee is chosen to be highlighted at a specific time of the year, thus we try to educate at the same time.

- Spring - Catholic Education and Social Justice
- Fall focuses on Treasure as it coincides with the Diocesan Appeal
- November - Family Life
- December - Sacred Worship

Committees are responsible for finding someone to do the witness talk to the congregation. A survey was taken of committee members and the response was to continue this format for another year.

The week following the highlight weekend the signup forms are mailed to parishioners. Comments from committee members:

- Can the commitment form include an area to sign up for other committees, not just the highlighted committee?
- Create a "help wanted" section in the Bulletin.
- Add contact names, numbers, email addresses to the mailed signup form.
- Publish the commitment form on the website and encourage people to use.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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Agenda item: Youth Ministry **Presenter:** LeeAnn Lella

Discussion: The Education committee is looking for parents and adults that work well with young adults (7th – 12th grades) to form a steering or core committee by the end of June. Formation will start in July with a plan in place by September. It will start slow as it is important that the first year be a success.

The committee will be looking at creative technology to contact and stay in touch with the youth (texting, email, etc.). Anyone interested should contact LeeAnn, who will be an advisor to the Core Committee as she has experience in Youth Ministry from a previous position.

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Agenda item:	Wisdom	Presenter:	Bruce Chopp
Discussion:	4-6 additional members are needed yet from each church. Ann Robison, Gretchen Egan and Bruce are on board so far.		

June 1st 6:00-8:30pm at the Unitarian Church is core member training.
June 4th 12:00 noon at Resurrection is the sponsorship meeting

A fee of \$500.00 is required and is effective for one year only. The fee may increase each year.

Deacon Peter contacted a parish in La Crosse and one in Eau Claire that have joined who said they are in the early stages but did not have any negative comments about the group.

Comments:

- It is a good vehicle for ecumenical work.
- Do we have enough going on in Social Justice already? Will this hurt the other ministries?
- This could be a compliment to what we are currently doing in Social Justice and does add a different avenue for involvement.
- It would be nice to attract people that are currently not involved.

Conclusions: Resurrection and St. Michael's will support this year and will revisit in one year.

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- ✓ Report to the committee consistently on progress
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Bruce Chopp Monthly

Agenda item:	Economic Issues	Presenter:	Fr. Bill
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Discussion: St. Vincent DePaul is servicing many people that are struggling.

Some people in this situation have their faith challenged, in those cases we need to encourage, listen and address via the pulpit. Make the church visible for these situations for all people in need whether they are members or not.

If people contact the church with a need we should address anonymously and help in any way possible.

Conclusions: Listen and be available to those expressing a need.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
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- ✓ Add a prayer intentions page to the website that people can update
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Fr. Bill August

Agenda item: Finance **Presenter:** Pat Kinney
Discussion: St. Michael's is behind on the budget. Resurrection is further behind and will have to look at ways to improve upon the situation.

There is a Finance meeting next week when they will begin to work on next year's budget.

Conclusions:

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Agenda item: Pastor's Report **Presenter:** Fr. Bill
Discussion: 1. NCS enrollment is expected to be down due to the economic downturn. Reviewed memo dated 05/15/2009 from Mark Watson. Discussions will be held before any concrete decisions are made.

2. Parish Council. Judy Staszak, Mike Maher and John Townsend are leaving the council. There will be no elections; Fr. Bill will appoint the new members. Inform Fr. Bill of anyone you would like to be considered. On August 25th at 6:00 there will be a Welcome and Thank You dinner for new members and those leaving the council.

3. Sunday Schedule. Discussion on which option would be best. Fr. Bill asked for suggestions regarding the options as a decision will be made this fall.

Other

Mike Maher mentioned that he has heard from a few people that they would like a pictorial directory to be considered. Fr. Bill mentioned that this will possibly be done in 2010.

Sherry Kiefer is looking for items to be added to the "Parish Council" page on the website. If you have any ideas, please forward to Fr. Bill. It was mentioned that photos of council members should be taken so parishioners that have concerns know who they can talk to.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Inform Fr. Bill of any person(s) interested in the Parish Council	All Members	August
✓ Consider Sunday Mass schedule	All Members	August

Other Information

Special notes:

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 with a prayer.

Next meeting Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Michael's Gathering Space
