

Pastoral Council

October 15, 2009 - Meeting Minutes
Faithfully submitted by Maria Lahr

Members present: Morris Keeling, Mary Lynn Roles, Alex Lopez, Maria Lahr, Mike Diedrichs, Mike Monnens, Fr. Bernie Gruenes, Kent Schmitz,

Members absent: La Verne Feld, Troy Bentler, Pam Peterson, Jenni Johnstone, John Foley

Also Present: Mary Thyen, Sr. Carol Virnig, Mary Arnold, Judy Brannan

Prayer:

August Meeting Minutes:

Mike M. motion to approve, Mike D. 2nd, minutes approved.

Ministry Committee Reports:

Child Care – Mary Arnold

- a. The program is coming in under budget – however, if there are any expenses, there are no funds allotted specifically within the childcare program to handle these.
- b. Currently have 32 children total in the program; can accept 1 more toddler and 9 more preschoolers, infants are full.
- c. The license allows for more children. If enrollment would increase then staff would also increase as levels dictate.
- d. There are several county paid children currently. County contracts apply for leave notice and sick days.
- e. The preschoolers are attending 4 plays this year, at least one with the kindergarteners.
- f. October 24th is the first fundraiser – bus trip to Turtle Lake. The 2nd trip is in February.
- g. Mary did not apply for grants this year due to the uncertainty of St. Joseph's future and the commitments of receiving a grant.

Social Concerns – Maria Lahr

- a. Reviewed the main focus for last year which was creation of the monthly newsletter to educate parishioners on social justice and direct service.
- b. Discussed goals for 2009-2010 and their relation to the Catholic Social Teachings (see handout).
- c. Fr. Bernie recommended that we do educational pieces on support of marriage and support of life.

Christian Women – Judy Brannan

Reported on activities:

- a. April – 1st Generation group to acknowledge elder members.
- b. May – Enrollment
- c. June – hosted reception for Fr. Omar's ordination
- d. July – Officers and Trustees annual planning meeting
- e. August - hosted the teacher and school staff luncheon
- f. September – lifetime membership awards for member of 80+ years
- g. October – cookies and workers for Poor Clare Tea
- h. November – address critical leadership issues, lack of
- i. December – Christmas Social and Christmas bake sale

Faith Rally / Celebration Church Remodel

Date: November 1 after all three masses, in conjunction with Welcome Sunday. Set up is Saturday morning at 8:00. Morris and Maria will plan for fliers, banner, bulletin & mass announcements.

Rental Housing Status:

Due to the significant request for payback from the Capitol campaign fund, it may be necessary to sell the rental houses as some of the capitol campaign money was used to purchase these for future building plans.

Finance Committee:

Finance needs two more members for the committee. Mary Lynn will generate a bulletin announcement. The committee is scheduled to meet the third Thursday of each month.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 19, 2009 @ 8:00 p.m.

Review goals and objectives to implement this year