

Pastoral Council

August 20, 2009 - Meeting Minutes

Faithfully submitted by Maria Lahr

Members present: Fr. Bernie Gruenes, Kent Schmitz, Morris Keeling, Pam Peterson, Mary Lynn Roles, Alex Lopez, Maria Lahr, La Verne Feld, Troy Bentler, Mike Diedrichs

Members absent: Jenni Johnstone, John Foley, Mike Monnens

Also Present: Mary Thyen, Hal Undersander, Marcia Riedel, Deacon

Prayer:

Introductions & Review: Introduce Council member and subcommittee positions, length of service, review address/email information. All members present gave permission to make this information accessible to parishioners. Mary Lynn will contact absent council members regarding personal data. Review schedule for ministry reporting.

Ministry Committee Reports:

Faith Formation – Marcia Riedel

- a. Youth Ministry program – distribution of care packages at the Place of Hope.
- b. Service Learning – trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, great success!
- c. Vacation Bible School – good participation.
- d. FF Registration – forms sent out, working on integration with Hispanic families.
- e. Adult FF – planning adult Advent and Lenten retreats.
- f. Bible study – starts Sept. 14 focus on Luke.
- g. Mission Trip – planning Dec/Jan trip to San Rafael, Mexico.

Building & Grounds – Mary Lynn Roles & Troy Bentler

- a. The rollover of Capital Campaign Funds into the church renovations is @ 84% return of letters sent out.
- b. Mike Lindquist is the new custodian.
- c. Three contractors were solicited prior to starting the renovations; decided to accept the bid from Dale Gruber. The cost of projects is close to original estimate. Projects of the renovation include: repair of bell tower, gutters, interior painting, new carpet, doors, update choir area and entry, and bulb replacement. The landscaping is primarily by volunteers.
- d. The vigil lights will not return due to issues of insurance and fire hazards.
- e. A regular cleaning process is being discussed – who, what, when – both general cleaning and extensive cleaning.
- f. Mass at St. Joseph returns on August 30th.
- g. Ladies of the parish are repairing and cleaning the Stations of the Cross.

Fall Festival Update:

Need donations! Each year donations come in at the last minute, this year they are slower to come in. Volunteers so far have been willing; there are set-up and clean-up positions that are still open. Raffle sales are down as well, hopefully parishioners will be in to pick up their booklets soon (and get more).

Welcome Sunday:

PAC will continue chairing Welcome Sunday. It will be the first weekend of the month (9 months of the year).

The Year of the Priest:

The focus in Pray for the year is the increase of Priesthood. Each parish should plan a special event, not only for our current priest(s) but those who have served us in the past and especially those who have died (include a special memory in their honor).

Next Meeting:

Thursday, September 17, 2009 @ 8:00 p.m.