

Pastoral Council Meeting 10-17-05 Minutes

Attendance: Denise Roberts, Julie McNea, Tammy Sandovol-Arguello, Mark Evevard, Marie Raikes, Betty Hoover, Jan Altevogt, Cindy Gibbs, Melissa Haapala, Lisa Cornell, Peggy Coppom, Deacon Walter Sweeney, Father Bill Breslin, Janet Teran

Melissa called the meeting to order at 8:10 AM

1.) Opening prayer: Mark said the opening prayer.

2.) Approval of September Meeting Minutes: There was a short discussion of the minutes, a few minor corrections addressed and then the Minutes were approved.

3.) Parish Outreach/ St. Vincent de Paul Society: Deacon Sweeney provided a brief explanation of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. There will be a meeting on Wednesday the 19th at 1:30 in the Parish Center where there will be a speaker who will discuss this program which focuses Catholic social service with a spiritual focus. It is hopeful that a new Social Service Committee of some sort, possibly the St. Vincent de Paul Society, will be formed from our parish to work together in providing the services they deem most important appropriate within the capacity of our parish. Possible locations were discussed.

4.) Capital Campaign Update: Melissa reported the following update sent to her from Mary Johnson:

- This week the mailing was sent to the Parish inviting them to join us in a Vision Awareness Gathering.
- The parish had its first look at the video
- Volume 2 of the campaign newsletter was mailed.
- Advance Cultivation Gatherings will start this week.
- Volume 3 (newsletter) due out next week.
- Prayer Guide will be distributed next weekend
- Prayer Vigil- Friday, November 11, 9 AM - 9 PM
- Ministry Event (a procession) will occur on November 5 & 6
- Commitment cards and letters will be mailed week of Nov 28

There was a slight mix up with the stamps in the second mailing. If any one didn't receive a newsletter, please pick one up at the Parish Center. Melissa suggested a note in the bulletin with this information. There were many positive comments on the video shown this past weekend. There was a discussion on how the school and parish videos will and should be used. The school video will be used in marketing efforts and to welcome new families to the school. It was suggested the video should also be used as a welcome piece for new parishioners. A discussion about forming a "Welcome Group" in the parish evolved. Cindy Gibbs offered to develop the group. Janet will give her the packets collected from other churches to use in her efforts. Anyone interested in helping with this is welcome and encouraged to contact Cindy.

5.) October Fair Update: Lisa reported. The Fair was a very nice event with a pleasant family environment. All went very well and the event paid for itself while raising a small amount of money. Lisa is in the process of putting together a survey to establish the goal of the Fair for next year. There was confusion between those who want to raise money and those who want to simply have a community affair. With the survey, a specific direction and focus will hopefully be established by a majority response. Because the event is new and still evolving there are many questions to be posed. The event was originally a one day event which turned into a two day

event which will also be reviewed. There is hope that more parents will volunteer with this and future events at SHJ. It was discussed that a very successful way of getting volunteers involved personal calls requesting help.

6.) School Update: Jan reported: The Pengree Park trip is this week. Jan is continuing her efforts in assembling a SAC (School Advisory Council). There have been heating problems in the school which most likely be resolved this week. The responses to the survey sent out were sparse. There were some with negative points which unfortunately didn't offer ways to improve. Mayfair report included that The Cork Mayfair dinner was well attended and went off well. The gross raised was approximately \$ 160, 000. The funds are being used quickly. Some improvements paid for include the playground grass, painting the buildings, the landscape. There are plans for a garden area or two and it was suggested that the paddle raiser next year might be for the North entrance landscaping enhancement. The theme of the '06 MayFair will be "Shanghai Nights." the T-shirt contest is underway. The Pre school is full. There was a discussion on the percentage of preschoolers who stay for first grade.

7.) Finance Update: Budgets are tight. Offertory has been up slightly. The staff continues to be on spending restrictions. It was discussed that this tightening reflects the tightening of budget in the corporate world as well these past few year necessitated by the slower economy.

8.) Minister Updates: Denise reported an increase in sacraments, especially in Baptisms. It was suggested there be a group started for mothers and babies and young children. Couples have been prepared for 25 weddings at SHJ since January and for 22 at other parishes. SHJ is open to working with many couples with "special circumstances" to be married in the Catholic Church. Other parishes have more restrictions and won't work with some seeking marriage in the Church. This welcoming attitude and diligence in working for the couples at SHJ has increased our marriage prep numbers. Couples willing to help with these prep classes are always welcome. With the flexibility of classes available on-line through the Archdiocese, we are hopeful that more teaching couples will be able to volunteer. There have been 27 funerals since January where the usual number is one per month. RCIA numbers are up. PSR numbers are up. There have been over 300 Confirmed in the last three years. Many of those seeking come from outside Boulder, from the surrounding towns. Mark reported that confirmation classes have started and that he is looking for new Core Team members (those over 21 years old) to help with the youth.

9.) Boulder Valley Holiday Policy: Melissa reported the information submitted by Irene at a previous meeting. She reviewed the handout and confirmed that there is sensitivity to religious holidays in the BVSD.

10.) Other: A discussion on parking policy was brief. Cars will be towed to enforce the new sticker system. Claire and Jesus keep an eye on the lot.

11.) Closing Prayer: Fr. Bill closed the meeting with a prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:20 AM