

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES
May 15, 2012

Council Members Attending: Father Jim, Deacon Herb, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Jim Jordan, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Christine Stinson and Renae Brinza

Others Attending: Gerry Meyer and Don Cwynar

Old Business

Opening prayer by Fr. Jim

- 1) Parish Pictorial Directory – Mary Jo
 - a. 107 families have registered to participate; parish has 1600-1700 registered families
 - b. Picture taking is this week- May 14th – 18th and one week in June in the cafeteria – June 18th - 23rd
 - c. Discussion regarding groups who should be in the directory
 - i. Altar servers, CDA, CCD, Grieving Committee, Ushers, Eucharist Ministers, Lecturers, Parish staff, Finance council, Choir, others?
 - d. Volunteers needed to check families in for their photo shoot
 - i. Deacon Herb will work 6-8
 - ii. Someone needed for 7-9

Action Items: Arlene to pick a Saturday for the group photos
Fr. Jim to ask Mary Lou if we missed any groups
Mary Jo will try to find a volunteer

- 2) Ladies of Charity – Mary Jo
 - a. Contact didn't want to come to St. Colman's during the winter
 - b. Initial response to join was very poor

Action Items: Mary Jo to schedule visit

- 3) Evangelization meeting with Deacon Alex Wroblicky – Mary Jo

Action Items: Mary Jo to contact Deacon Wroblicky

- 4) Adult Education/Formation update – Sue and Christine
 - a. Bible Study – Sue
 - i. Completed series on Luke
 - ii. Approximately 9 people attended all sessions
 - iii. Nothing scheduled over the summer
 - iv. Will begin in the Fall; no date set yet for first session
 - b. Sue asked someone to start another group – Intro to the Bible
 - c. CCD – Food for the Soul – Sue
 - i. Was not a success; parents of children in CCD did not attend
 - ii. Will try again next year

- 5) Pastoral Council Retreat – Sue
 - a. Sue, Jim and Deacon herb attended
 - b. Great program; moving experience;
 - c. Other parishes are more “advanced” than us with getting people involved
 - d. Goals are to energize and encourage people in our parish
 - e. Parish Council should not be the doers but the visionaries; get others involved
- 6) Parish Mission Update – Paul
 - a. Father Scott is coming April 20-24, 2013
 - b. Father Scott will attend all masses at St. Colman’s and preach
 - c. He is open to suggestions regarding the topic of his talk

Action Items: Paul to send an e-mail to Father’s assistant for a Calendar of Events

- d. Mission Co-op is the 3rd or 4th week of September
 - i. Bishop & Priest will be here
 - ii. One will go to St. Gabriel’s & the other to St. Colman’s
- 7) Diocesan Audit Report – Jerry
 - a. Meeting of Finance Council on Tuesday, May 22nd at 7pm
 - b. Audit report was 7 pages long
 - c. Good news – we don’t owe money to the diocese
 - d. We are coding funds correctly from the collection baskets
 - e. Minor concerns such as:
 - i. Where possible, rotate ushers & money counters
 - ii. Fr. Jim cannot “touch” the money
 - f. What has been done to address these concerns:
 - i. 3 teams of money counters – Jerry is the supervisor
 - ii. Loose money into a separate account for coding
 - iii. Sealed tamper proof bags to take money to the bank
 - g. Finance Council will begin to work on budget for next fiscal year
- 8) Parish Share Update – Father Jim
 - a. Target is \$72,693 by February, 2012 and we have collected \$33,356
- 9) Local/regional Catholic elementary school plans – Father Jim
 - a. 298 students enrolled in East Catholic
 - b. Tuition is less than Word of God & Good Shepherd
 - c. A diocese is doing a study regarding Catholic grade schools; a group from Notre Dame was hired.

10) Update/Renovation Plans – Jerry

- a. Everyone feels the church looks great! Loves the color scheme
- b. Future renovations
 - i. New carpeting in the church
 - ii. Repaving the parking lot – mid-June
 - iii. Resecure pews and kneelers
 - iv. New sound system
 - v. Part of cafeteria to become a meeting room
 - vi. Refurbish bathrooms in cafeteria
 - vii. Paint the sacristies
- c. Capital campaign has been extended for 3 years

11) Little Sisters of the Poor – Father Jim

- a. Date not set to collect for them; need a month without a second collection

12) A Neighborhood Family, Food and Fun Festival - Jerry

- a. August 17th 6 to 9
- b. Each community church will have its own booth
- c. St. Colman's will have fried dough and ice cream
- d. No admittance fee; visitors will get a Goodie Bag containing information about each participating church
- e. Goals is for everyone in the community to get to know one another
- f. Entertainment is the Tamburitzans
- g. Local Fire and Police Departments to attend

New Business

- 1) Long range plan for the parish – Deacon Herb

Action Item: Renae to have something prepared for next council meeting

- 2) Pastoral Council Members Deacon Herb

- a. Father doesn't want to ask people to leave the Council
- b. We can have up to 10 members; we are at 8

- 3) Upcoming Workshops – Deacon Herb

- a. Deacon Herb will continue to send upcoming workshops notices to the Council members via e-mail.

- 4) Baccalaureate Service for graduating Seniors – Deacon Herb
 - a. Set for May 27th at 10 am mass
 - b. 18 letters with out with only a few responses to attend

- 5) Miraculous Medal Novenas during May
 - a. Every Monday in May
 - b. First week 30 people attended; second week 50-60
 - c. Great participation; considering doing this again in October

- 6) For the Good of the Parish – Deacon Herb
 - a. Bereavement Group – Don
 - i. Going very well
 - ii. 7th month/meeting
 - iii. Very meaningful and rewarding
 - iv. Male facilitator seems to be a benefit
 - v. More females than males attend
 - vi. Guests and participants appreciate the meting
 - vii. Goal is to get on the dioceses listing of bereavement groups
 - viii. Don is thankful for the opportunity to have this group

- 7) Next meeting is – Monday, August 13, 2012 at 7pm