

MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 7, 2011 PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING (PCM)

1 – Members attending were Fr. Jim Kunkel, Sue Buchholz, Arlene Gross, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer, Herb Riley and Christine Stinson. Also attending were Eileen and Bill Ketter and Jerry Meyer.

2 – Opening prayer led by Fr. Jim

3 – Old Business

- a) First donut social went well. Seven dozen donuts were used. Next social will be held in March, hosted by the Bible Study group
- b) Ladies of Charity – meeting scheduled for November 28 with Diocesan representative to explain the organization
- c) Involvement of CCD parents in the parish – open house “Food for Body and Soul” went well. Five parents so far have offered their time and talent to the parish.
- d) Nothing yet regarding the Youth Ministry program. Hope for news in soon.
- e) Christmas Book gift program – full funding was raised so we will be able to give every high school age and above parishioner a copy of Michael Kelly’s book, “Rediscover Catholicism”, at the Christmas masses.
- f) The new “welcoming” statement will be added to the front page of the bulletin.
- g) New Bereavement group will be holding its first monthly meeting this month.

4 – Formation and Stewardship Committee Report (Paul) – reviewed all areas covered in the diocesan Pastoral Council guidelines and we appear to be doing well in all areas. Paul and Jim will continue to explore ways we can get better.

5 – Periodic Budget/Finance Committee Report (Jerry Meyer)

- a) \$3,900 deficit projected for this year
- b) \$20,000 is the cost to re-pave the parking lot. It will be done in the spring.
- c) Jr. Hi roof needs to be replaced and the altar re-done. Plan is to tile the altar.
- d) Holy Family Institute is on a year-to-year contract. Their rent is \$40k/year plus expenses to maintain the buildings.

5 – Pastor Report

- a) Fr. Jim advised Council that the parish will be undergoing a diocesan audit November 29, 2011
- b) Parish Pictorial Directory – Fr. Jim was approached by a company who will meet with him later this month

6 – Disabilities Advocate

- a) Currently working with several veterans in the Frasier High Rise
- b) Will look into bring the Community Life organization to St. Colman to speak to the community about their services to senior citizens

7 – Long Range Planning – seems to be the one area that we are missing from the diocesan Pastoral Council guidelines. Will speak with Renae about her experience in this area.

8 – Sue raised the possibility of having on-line monthly collection contributions made directly to the parish. She is going to look into this further and report back at next meeting.

9 – Next meeting February 6, 2012, 7pm in school library.