

Church of St. Catherine Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

Thursday September 16, 2010

Call to order by Paul & prayer led by Fr. Tom.

Roll Call: Present: Paul Doherty, Mike Smith, Rosie Paquette, Fr. Tom, and Mary McLaughlin. Absent & Excused: Jeff Wieneke, Patrice Hohn., Pat Saum, Norma Stewart, Tom Nelson, and Mark Opitz. Because we lacked quorum, the agenda was for discussion & questions only. No decisions were made

Minutes from May, 20, 2010 meeting were looked at.

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Old Business

- A) Parish Council election results: Mark Opitz was elected and welcomed.

New Business

- A) Carpet Donation: What are the options? We will wait until Oct. for more discussion.
- B) Pastoral Initiatives: Any pastoral proposals for 2010 – 2011?

Reports:

- A) Liturgy – A new member, Jen Honek, plays guitar and sings. She may try a children's choir.
- B) Faith Formation – Registration and supper had good attendance. Sunday School and Children' Liturgy starts Sunday. We have 29 confirmation students this year. We have 3 Adult FF nights planned so far, the first will be Wed. Oct 13 – Immigration at 7:00. The second will be Wed Nov. 10 at 7:00 – Marriage. The 3rd will be in Jan. - Hunger in MN.
- C) KC s – The picnic went well, The Fish Fry and Breakfast schedule is done. A new Formica counter top was installed by Country Cupboards in the kitchen. A gift was given to Andy Vogel. The Altar servers were treated to a SF Pheasants game
- D) LCCW – A Saint of the month will be featured at the meetings. They are sponsoring the Anointing Mass Luncheon. The fall workshop is October 26 at Lismore, and they have resumed Bingo at the Vet's Home. The Vice President position is still open. They are supporting Habitat Sunday and the Crop Walk.
- E) Finance Council- The budget was approved. The carpet donation was discussed; we will contract with Brandi & Tom. Luke to do the cleaning. We have Randy Saker to install a new roof on the Link.
- F) Social Ministry: the Sept. meeting minutes were handed out. .
- G) Stewardship Council- inactive.
- H) Administrator- It was a very busy summer; I was alone in the office for almost 3 weeks. A big thank you to Diane Gonnerman for wonderful job of cleaning. Kevin Aaker and I will be taking classes again with the Institute of Lay ministry, my classes started with a weekend in Owatonna at the Gaine Center in Sept.
- I) Pastor: Fr. Tom received his letter from the Bishop renewing his term at SC for 6 more years. The Back Pack program thanked us for the use of our facilities with a poster of hand prints. Fr. Tom shared a handout about Back Pack and recommends we give them our FY 1st Qrt. 1% gift of \$250. We have two wedding coordinators: Kathy Hamann and Patty Evans, we are still looking for a Voucher Coordinator. The RCIA team will be Janelle McKenzie, Dick Smook, Sue Linebeck, Bruce Gluf, & Janelle Lenz. Fr. Tom

gave a FallFest update; shared information that the Ministry of Care is asking for volunteer drivers to help people get to Mass, gave update on the new library shelving and the plans for book arrangement, gave compliments to Cindy Arends, Librarian, and her team for all their work; shared with the Council an update on plans for the Apostles' Courtyard (plantings & rain garden); and Mary explained the newly installed Defibrillator and the plan for training volunteers for using it. Fr. Tom also explained the voucher program and our search for a Voucher Coordinator. Finally he explained the Fair Trade effort on the 1st & 3rd weekends & said the Social Ministry Committee hopes to add "Buffalo Joe Coffee" from RCO. Finally he invited to stay close to the pastor, letting him know what's going on and sharing ideas. In turn, he will as pastor consult with the membership on the Council and hold their advice with respect and dignity.

It was decided that we should send a reminder of the next meeting a week ahead of time and another one the week of the meeting in order to avoid "no quorum" meetings.

The Next Meeting: Thursday October 21 at 7:00.

Closing prayer was led by Fr. Tom

Respectfully submitted, Mary McLaughlin, acting Secretary