

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2010

Opening Prayer: Mary George

Members Present: Julia Alsobrook, Phil Baumert, Mary George, Dave McDonald, Cathy Teague, Jim Thornton, Taylor Watson and Steve Wilson

Members Absent: Diane Dolak, and Ann Tucker

Guests Present: Jim Newell, and Chuck Koesterer

Approval of Minutes: Phil made a motion to accept the February minutes as written, Steve seconded, and all unanimously approved.

Old Business:

1) *Second reading on changes in by-laws for election of officers and selection of new members and other minor changes as proposed by Dave McDonald*

After the second reading Phil moved to accept changes in the by-laws for election of officers and selection of new members. Cathy seconded, and all approved.

2) *Discuss schedule for discernment process for new members*

Phil reported that the process is moving along. Paper slips for nominations will be placed in the pews next weekend at all Masses. Phil said he will compose a letter for Fr. Tom to send to nominees inviting them to the first meeting about April 15.

New Business:

1) *Discuss spring cleanup date*

Phil said they plan to have the spring cleanup Saturday, March 27 8 a.m. to noon. The Boy Scouts will be assisting with the outdoor cleanup. Phil will also contact the Knights of Columbus to help. Mary volunteered to organize the inside cleanup.

2) *Council to serve donuts and coffee on March 21 Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.*

Dave asked for volunteers to help setup and serve donuts and coffee at March 21 Masses at 7:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m.

Ministry Reports:

- **Youth:** Taylor reported on several recent youth activities. A Mini-Mission Day was held Saturday, Feb. 20th for 6th to 8th graders from area northland Catholic churches. It began with morning prayer followed by going to service sites to work, and ending with recognition at 5 p.m. Mass. Interviews are in progress with Bobbi for Confirmation on April 23rd. The summer mission trip hit a snag when the Precious Blood Community decided not to allow any more teens to stay in the center so they are in the process of finding another place. The Youth Group canoe trip is scheduled for July 27-29.
- **Activities:** Mary announced that the next Blood Drive will be March 23rd.
- **Groups:** Steve said Families of Faith will participate in the Liberty Fun Run, Sunday, March 21st. They are very active and have either an adult or family event scheduled every month.

- **Liturgy:** Chuck Koesterer said The Concert of Choirs for Love, Inc. held at St. James yesterday was a smash. Cathi and George Svetlecic have retired from being in charge of ushers, therefore, we will need to find a replacement. Holy Week planning will begin next week.
- **Education:** The PTO sold entertainment books to help make up for some of the shortfall from the auction. The school parents are doing an online survey. ITBS testing is in progress. The Diocese is requiring the school to have a marketing team to market the school. Rozanne Witherow is leading this. Tuition has been raised for next year, but is still in range of neighboring schools. The school is looking for golf tournament prizes. The Religious Ed Mardi Gras went well. First Communion is in the midst of preparation.

Fund Raising: No report

Comments by Chuck Koesterer:

- Holy Week is coming up and encourages attending as much as you can.
- Thinks we need to look at being more of a multi-cultural parish possibly combining Spanish and English readings.
- Is it time to look at a Picture Directory again? It has been five years since the last one.

Jim Thornton said he has noticed that several times the H.O.P.E. supplies aren't available after Mass because they haven't been removed from the vault in time for sales. Jim Newell indicated they are working on improvement of this process.

Closing Prayer: Mary George

The next meeting will be Monday, April 12, 2010, at 7 p.m.
Opening and closing prayer will be by Dave McDonald.

April Agenda Items:

- Discuss discernment process
- H.O.P.E. gift card process

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Haynes, Recording Secretary