

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 2009

Opening Prayer: Jim Thornton

Members Present: Father Tom Albers, Julia Alsobrook, Phil Baumert, Mary George, Jim Thornton, Ann Tucker, Steve Wilson

Members Absent: Dave McDonald, Cathy Teague, Diane Dolak and Father Timothy Armbruster

Guests Present: Jennifer Janning, Vicki Fischer, Brenna Ildza, and Chuck Koesterer

1) Brenna Ildza – Boy Scout Troop 214 –Concerns and questions

Brenna asked the council if they are allowed to sell baked goods at their pancake breakfast October 25th. The council okayed the sale of baked goods as long as they comply with the fundraiser guidelines for their event. She also wanted to know if they need to schedule their pancake breakfasts differently as both breakfasts they scheduled this year conflicted with other events. She said they have two breakfasts a year, one in March and one in October. After discussion, the council advised her to continue scheduling as they have been coordinating with other events.

2) St. James Auction report

Jennifer Janning, Auction Chairperson, told the council the auction is November 7th at 6 p.m. Admission is \$25 in advance, and \$30 at the door. Mary Ann Pfeiffer is catering the dinner. Jennifer appreciated suggestions made by the council on ways to promote the auction as a parish event not just a school event. Vicki Fischer, Bazaar Chairperson, informed the council the bazaar is December 7th. They are expecting a larger event this year, and their goal is \$10,000. They already have 14 new vendors, and she expects most of the vendors from last year to return. They are changing the way for children to shop this year to a Santa's Dollar Shop, and are taking donations for it.

Additions to the Agenda: None

Approval of Minutes: Anne Tucker made a motion to accept the September minutes as written, Julia Alsobrook seconded, and all unanimously approved.

Old Business:

1) *Update on the Forward-In-Faith Campaign by Father Tom*

Total pledges to-date are just under \$1.2 million for the capital campaign with pledges still coming in. A management team and a follow-up committee are starting and will continue throughout the campaign.

New Business:

1) *Additional information on Ministry Appreciation Dinner/Prayer/Meeting*

Phil reported he talked with Danny Baker who was very interested in heading the Ministry Appreciation event. He is going to start to work on it, and it will be discussed at the liturgy meeting next week. Further report will be given next month.

2) *Additional discussion of the fall cleanup*

Phil said the fall cleanup is set for Saturday, November 14th from 9 am. until noon. We should have a good group of scouts to help as well as some from Knights of Columbus. Anne said she is coordinating a group from

the Altar Society to clean the Eucharistic vessels. Mary said she will contact Dawn Claxton to see what else might need attention in the church.

Ministry Reports:

- **Youth:** No report
- **Activities:** Mary George reported the Day of Remembrance will be Saturday, November 14th at 11 a.m. in the church. The presenter will be Chaplain Steve Smith.
- **Groups:** Ann Tucker reported the Rosary Rally went really well. Good comments were received. The Altar Society and Respect Life Ministries are having Dr. Morris from Rockhurst come to talk about stem cell research. She emphasized the importance of education on this issue, and what a great job Dr. Morris does in explaining this.
Steve Wilson reported that Families of Faith are a very active ministry, and very supportive to families who have had losses. He also talked with the Knights of Columbus about helping with the fall cleanup.
- **Liturgy:** Phil Baumert reported the adult choir has grown with five or six new folks. The bell choir will be more active this year. He also noted that Lori Tajchman is doing a great job with the children's choir. The kickoff meeting for Liturgy will be next Monday.
- **Education:** Julia Alsobrook reported the School Board went to training by the diocese at St. Therese parish. PSR is moving along with First Reconciliation. The Fall Gathering has been rescheduled for November 1st.

Fund Raising: Dave McDonald (Not present)

Pastor's Comments: by Father Tom

- The Bishop's Appeal is now in high gear with a goal of \$2 million. Our parish goal this year is \$61,500 up from \$57,000 last year. St. James participation percentage in the past has been much lower than the average in the diocese so Father Tom is going to encourage everyone to participate no matter how small the contribution.
- Expressed growing concern about the carpet and pews in the church. The carpet is 28 years old. He said the carpet and pews are in bad shape, and will need replacing before we are able to build a new church as that is probably eight to ten years away. He said they are investigating some costs in repairs to the pews and new carpet.
- Mission Sunday will be this coming Sunday. The Peru Mission collection was held last Sunday because the Diocese said they will not allow both collections in the same envelope. He noted the envelopes in our packets for this coming Sunday you can mark either World Mission or Peru Mission, but he wanted to clarify that the contributions made this Sunday will all be for the World Missions, and will be turned over to the Diocese.

Closing Prayer: Jim Thornton

The next meeting will be Monday, November 9th at 7 p.m. Opening and closing prayer will be by Cathy Teague.

November Agenda Items:

- Update on recognition of ministry members and other volunteers—Phil Baumert
- Discuss proposal on change in by-laws for election of officers.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dorothy Haynes, Recording Secretary