

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 5, 2009, MEETING

Corpus Christ Community, Round Lake NY

THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2009

Members Present: Father Ed Golding, Mary Jo Brown (Sec'y), Chrissy Beaudoin, Connie Beeman, Rosemary Browne, Denise DeWolf, Doug Hampton, Pat Kilgore(alt), David Mietlicki, Matt Minardi, Angela Paolucci, Nick Papa, Cindy Racette, Kris Sands(alt), Sr. Sue Wieczynski

1 Opening of Meeting: The meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. The Mission Statement was led by Doug Hampton and Nick Papa led the group in prayer. Sister Sue distributed the Generations of Faith prayer for the month, and it was recited by the group.

2 Youth Report, Matt Minardi and Angela Paolucci:

- Christmas Elves was a success. The children really enjoyed it.
- Coffee House was cancelled because of the weather. Refunds will be given on request.
- Nursing home visit will probably take place around Valentines Day.

3 Generations of Faith, Sister Sue:

- Letters were sent to those who are registered but did not come.
- Families will be receiving emails asking for verification on which members of family will be attending.
- Cutting back on Tuesday a.m. meal, which is the most expensive.
- Average cost for food is \$3 per person, not including paper products.
- Idea of charging one-time fee for food suggested again.
- Parish paid only \$3000 over and above what collected last year.

4 Evangelization Report, Rosemary Browne:

- Jim Seeley attended diocesan meeting and found they listened to lay people present.
- Catholics Returning Home will start Tuesday after Ash Wednesday, at St. Edwards.
- Cost of banner on Rte 9 is \$175. Will ask St. E's to share cost. They may also want one.
- Newcomers – Pot luck supper was held, photos taken and put on welcome poster.
- Cost to go on Clifton Park website is \$150 — will investigate.
- Contacting Channel 18 and Capital News 9.
- Catholics Returning Home brochure was out on time for Christmas.
- Cath Ret Home – not great #s. Those who came in middle may come in April. A couple made appointments with Father. Committee stays in contact.
- They are informed of events in the parish. It was suggested that personal invitation to retreat be given.
- Per cards last year were not successful – did not repeat.
- Parish website. Material should be in Microsoft Word format
- Webmaster is able to give key to individuals but nothing goes on without his approval.
- Special Hosts for people with Celiac disease – should get word out , bulletin(?), they may do this. Father Ed shared that receiving one, they receive both, so bread is not more important than wine.

5 Finance Committee Discussion, Diane Marco and Kris Sands:

- Will be starting to make a mortgage payment of \$10,780 a month starting in January.
- We were past due for 3 months' interest.
- Diocese was willing to defer one payment.
- Will make about 600 parishioners inactive for envelopes ONLY. They have never used them. This gets us down to 800 personalized envelopes.
- 2 months envelopes mailed at a time will save about \$4000 a year. May be first step in having annual box.
- Personalization of envelopes may be eliminated. Savings of couple thousand dollars.
- If we take away mailing of envelopes, only contact with parish is lost for many.
- 600 do not receive envelopes by choice, 1/3 of parishioners.
- Exploring direct deposit, but may mean a lot of work for our staff.
- Evangelist – trying to see if we can cut those names down.
- A new envelope this year -- \$15 for Evangelist.
- Use bulletin for announcement of our expenses, cost of Evangelist, and other budget-type announcements.

- Researching idea of outsourcing Bulletin to a printer, with folding done in house. We are losing money right now for employee time spent.
- Will be contacting advertisers for payment. (Dee Butner did this as a volunteer.)
- Human resources outside consultant coming in week of January 11.
- Will look at jobs in early March, Finance Committee will address from the expense side.
- More money is going out than is coming in and we have enormous debt. Have to educate people in pews.
- Need for a strategic plan. When is right time to communicate to parish community.
- Hope for forgiveness of debt in Jubilee year.
- Green envelope – rename it to “Debt Reduction Fund?”
- Do people read the bulletin?
- We have two full-time people, \$50,000 total +benefits.
- Control of paper use – codes for use of copier.
- Fundraisers difficult because of lack of volunteers.

6 Nuts and Bolts:

- **Sunshine Fund.** Dave Mietlicki is caretaker of the jug. Decision by group to donate money each meeting. At end of year it will be donated to Building Fund in memory of Dee Butner.
- **Sign with new Mass schedule.**

Adjournment at 8:48 p.m. following closing prayer led by Denise DeWolf.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Brown, Recording Secretary