

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2009, MEETING

Corpus Christ Community, Round Lake NY

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

Members Present: Father Ed Golding, Chrissy Beaudoin, Connie Beeman, Rosemary Browne, Denise DeWolf, Doug Hampton, Pat Kilgore(alt), Wendy Marino, Matt Minardi, Angela Paolucci, Nick Papa, Cindy Racette, Sharon Ryan(alt), Chris Valosin, Sr. Sue Wieczynski

1 Opening of Meeting: The meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. The Mission Statement was led by Jack Robson and Rick Victor led the group in prayer.

2 Youth Report, Matt Minardi and Angela Paolucci:

- The youth are making soup and dessert and will bring them to a senior citizen housing place in Burnt Hills this Sunday.
- Two youths will be attending CLI, Christian Leadership Institute,(9th-12th grade program) during vacation break. The program inspires young leaders, grows networks and builds lasting relationships among Christian youth.
- March 10 is Public Policy Day for the Albany Diocese to present positions on 2009 legislative agenda items at the State legislature in Albany. There is a training day for this on Sunday, March 1st. The event is for youth, youth ministers and interested adults. Contact Ruth Moon 877-8506 ext 374 for more information.
- Looking for more activities, e.g. retreats, carnivals, etc. to retain the interest of 3rd-6th graders in the church community. One suggestion was made to look at including 6th grade with the 7-8 grade events since they are grouped similarly in middle school.
- Brian Gagnon presented his proposal to the council for erecting a gazebo on the church property. This is part of his Eagle Scout project to benefit an organization. He envisioned the place to be used for prayer/meditation and for wedding pictures or other events. He will be furthering his fundraising plans and project proposal for future consideration.

3 Generations of Faith, Sister Sue:

- Just concluded the January session of GOF with about the same attendance.
- The GOF planning team is working on the next 2 sessions and planning the spring event (Jesus festival) for May 31st which is themed "The Communion of Saints".
- The planning team is also working on the theme for next years GOF sessions which will be the Church's 7th year using this faith formation format.

4 Evangelization Report, Rosemary Browne/Wendy Marino:

- Jim Seeley continues to attend the diocesan Evangelization taskforce meetings. They recommend re-reading the Bishop's document (found at www.rcda.org) called "The Mission of Contemporary Parish" which was written about 3 years ago. Pastoral councils and evangelization teams would benefit from reading this paper.
- Catholics Returning Home sessions will start April 24th at St. Edwards. We encourage the whole parish to invite those they know who may be away from their Catholic faith to come, listen and find answers to their questions in a warm non-threatening environment. There will be training sessions starting Tuesday, Feb. 24th for anyone who would like to join the CRH ministry to help with the sessions.
- More information will be disseminated after the evangelization team meeting this week.

5 Finance Committee Discussion, Father Ed:

- There will be more information coming forth soon surrounding the recommendations of the independent review of administrative processes and use of resources, and decisions of what will be implemented. Staff meetings are being held this week to discuss the details.
- Question was asked about envelopes being accepted at our cluster churches. Yes. Our envelopes are accepted (at St. Eds and St. Mary's) and have been delivered to us.
- Changes to how the bulletin is being generated and printed are being made that will save money over the current process.
- More information from this committee will be available next month.

6 Nuts and Bolts:

- The Adult parish retreat will be held starting Friday, Feb. 27th. Nick and Jack encourage all who have not been to the Corpus Christi weekend retreat to sign up. It is also for those who may not have been in awhile and need an inspiration lift and some fun. Contact Joan Haviland 877-8506 ext. 373.
- The website has had some updates for Pastoral Council membership/minutes and Mass schedule. Still some work on other pages within the site, such as music ministry pages refer to 5 PM choir. Evangelization team members (Wendy / Judy) will work with Ruth (youth volunteers) and Rob Partlow to have these updated and other areas that may be in need of updating.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m. following closing prayer led by Rick Victor.