

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2009, MEETING
Corpus Christi Community, Round Lake NY

Members Present: Father Ed Golding, Connie Beeman, Mary Jo Brown (Sec-y), Carolyn DeSantis, Doug Hampton, Joan Haviland, Pat Kilgore, Dave Mietlicki, Matt Minardi, Angela Paolucci, Nick Papa, Jack Robson, Sharon Ryan, Susan Spadaro, Mike Tidd
Guests: Kris Sands, Liz McNamara

1 Opening of Meeting: The meeting was opened at 7:30 p.m. by Jack Robson. The Mission Statement was read and the opening prayer was led by Sharon Ryan. Jack mentioned that the agenda shows approximate times for each item. At his request, members of the Council introduced themselves.

2 Youth Ministry Report, Angela Paolucci and Matt Minardi:

- Angela mentioned that seven will be attending NCYC in November, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri. Juniors and seniors will be going. Janet Mietlicki and Mrs. Brady will also be going. There will be a blessing November 15 and a presentation after they return.
- Oct. 4 Birthright bottles will be distributed.
- Can recycling will continue. Anyone may take some to return.

3 Generations of Faith and Sacraments, Joan Haviland:

- Generations of Faith and Sacraments have been set. After this year, things may change.
- Numbers for First Reconciliation and for Confirmation are down from previous years. However, Joan is receiving some calls now. October 14 is Confirmation. Starting with next Confirmation, we will join with St. Edwards and St. Mary's for instruction, but the sacrament itself will be administered in our own parish.
- Liz McNamara will assist at the Parents' meeting. Angela said 4 people gave talks last year.
- She has no records from former Youth Minister.
- We have over 300 registered for GOF. There will be no meals and the Sunday sessions will be combined to one. Hours are changed so children will get home earlier (6:30—8). There will be a survey at first session.

4 Finance Committee, Kris Sands:

- Presentation of Fiscal year ended 6/30 will be presented first weekend in October. Figures are positive.
- Cutting expenses has helped with cash flow. Contributions are down for fiscal year, but that has been going on for 4 years.
- Have spent time redoing employee handbook, according to diocese and state guidelines, with diocese allowing us some flexibility. It was necessary for consistency.
- Father Ed was congratulated for reminding people positively about the Bishop's Fund. People may not be aware we have not met that assessment and school assessment for years. He will request a reduction of our assessment in October.
- The roof issue is a problem. We spend \$40,000 to \$50,000 a year on maintenance of both roofs.

5 Representation to Finance Committee, Jack Robson:

- Last year we discussed possibility of having representation on Finance Committee.
- Kris explained that they sometimes meet twice a week, with meetings sometimes 4 hours in length.
- Father Ed would prefer that our representation be only one person.
- There is no agenda because they meet so often.
- Jack Robson will attend as often as he can. Kris will email him when a meeting is scheduled.

6 Polling Survey:

- The idea behind the survey is to get more people involved in parish activities.
- Four questions, suggested by Nick Papa, were presented. The one regarding the Mass schedule was eliminated. This would require the Bishop's approval.
- The Council agreed to do a simple survey which will be distributed at Masses the end of October. The idea is to have it completed at each Mass.
- One of the questions will deal with religious education. Our new Faith Formation Coordinator, Joan Haviland, was present and said that break-out sessions for the kids will enable learning prayers, etc., to occur. She commented that this year will follow the Generations of Faith format, with the possibility that some changes may occur next year. There is concern that young people and their parents do not attend Mass, but this is nothing new.
- Father Ed commented that many people who criticize GOF do not know anything about it.
- To change to classroom education would be more expensive, because of the requirements for background checks, etc. We may need something in between.
- It was agreed there would be a Comments section, so people may insert their own ideas.
- Discussion of social activities we could offer.

- The idea of a question about youth ministry was stated. However, we do have a new minister, Christina Bass, who started working on September 15. She is willing to start with younger kids. Her work schedule in her full-time position will enable her to be with us the required 12 hours a week.
- **A SURVEY DRAFT HAS BEEN SENT TO COUNCIL MEMBERS UNDER SEPARATE COVER (from Denise).**

7 Meet the Staff:

- Father agreed that a social time to meet the staff would be a good idea.
- It was decided that staff will be invited to breakfast at 7:30a.m. some time in Advent.

8 Gathering of Ministries:

- The idea is to bring together those who are involved with ministries. (People may not be acquainted with parishioners who go to different Masses.)
- This will be done in nice weather, perhaps a picnic. Nick and Doug will plan.
- Paula has all ministries on her computer.

9 Other:

- There will be a 7:00 a.m. daily Mass in Advent.
- Catechists will be blessed at Mass this Sunday (Catechetical Sunday).
- St. Mary's has invited catechists 4 – 6 to a reception. Marge Mullaney will be speaker.

Closing Prayer was led by Sharon Ryan, with adjournment at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Brown, Recording Secretary