

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2, 2009, MEETING Corpus Christi Community, Round Lake NY

Members Present: Father Ed Golding, Connie Beeman, Mary Ellen Bena, Mary Jo Brown (Sec-y), Carolyn DeSantis, Denise DeWolf, Doug Hampton, Joan Haviland, Pat Kilgore, Nick Papa, Jack Robson, Sharon Ryan, Susan Spadaro, Mike Tidd
Guests: Diane Farny, Liz McNamara, Judy Mullins, Angela Stone

1 Opening of Meeting: The meeting was opened at 7:02 p.m. by Jack Robson. The Mission Statement was read and the meeting opened with prayer.

2 Generations of Faith and Sacraments, Joan Haviland:

- Joan announced that there are 40 students in Faith Formation, 46 First Eucharist students for May 15-16. Confirmation of 48 students is October 14.
- A letter was sent to parents. (153 are eligible.)
- 221 attended Generations of Faith. (There was a lot of flu going around.) There will be break-out sessions in October, with intergenerational in November.

3 Parish Manager:

- Angela Stone introduced herself and stated that she was here to meet us.

4 There was no Finance report.

5 Guest, Diane Farny:

- Diane presented to the Council a project to donate toothbrushes and soap to be handed out at medical clinics in Iraq for sick women and children.
- Diane's niece is an MP there and requested assistance with her efforts.
- The Council will collect things after Christmas and give them to Diane for mailing.
- She will attend Council in January to remind us.
- Joan Haviland may make this a part of giving through GOF.

6 Corpus Christi Website:

- Some progress has been made, in that the minutes and Council member list are now updated.
- Discussion of forming a committee. This was agreed upon. Members would include: Rob Partlow (IT person), Judy Mullins, Doug Hampton, Nick Papa and Angela Stone.
- Angela, who works only 3 hours a day, seemed willing to give a minimum amount of time per month, perhaps ½ hour.
- Jack had asked Rob to have process set for our next meeting.
- Denise asked if things for the kids could be kept current.
- It is important that our website be vibrant.

7 Polling Survey:

- Jack stated that, based on responses, it was worth the effort.
- Carolyn DeSantis reported on the numbers:
- 425 responses:
 - SPIRITUAL NEEDS 261 Yes, 47 No.
 - SOCIAL EVENTS 290 yes would participate, 109 No.
 - ATTENDANCE AT MASS Weekly 388, 12 daily, 15 bi-weekly, 4 monthly, 3 4-6X year, Holidays-----
 - GENERAL TRENDS: Not meeting needs of seniors and families of young children. Seniors want daytime events. Singles feel uncomfortable coming alone. Apathy – people don't feel spirit of community. Want to see traditional religious ed again and small discussion groups (Renew). More for teens.
- Doug asked what the consistent positives were. Answer: Great parish community. Very spiritual here.
- Jack suggested that at next Council meeting we get it down to 20-30 key items, something we can make happen, and quickly.
- Pat Kilgore asked if negative people gave positive suggestions. They did not.
- The responses, by number, will be communicated to the parish on the bulletin.

8 Ministries Gathering:

- Nick and Doug contacted all ministry heads to get approximate head count for January 31 in afternoon.
- Joan needs help, as does Paula. Everyone present took a sheet of names to call. Call or email Nick with replies.
- Discussion of how to accommodate everyone and kind of refreshments.
- Intent is to get together in fellowship.
- Sharon will provide name tags.

9 Meet the Staff:

- Sharon Ryan explained idea to Angela and requested her input on possible date and time.
- Idea is to show appreciation to staff and to get to know them better.
- Angela thought lunch at about 11 a.m. might work.
- Time will be coordinated with Angela.

10 Other Items:

- Jack will meet with financial committee tomorrow. He has prices for the necessary drainage work.
- Brief discussion of the Council's Sunshine Fund, which has not been done since 2007-08 year.
- Liz McNamee, who won money from the 200 Club, gave Father Ed a check for part of her winnings.

Closing prayer, with adjournment at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Brown, Recording Secretary