

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF JANUARY 4, 2010, MEETING Corpus Christi Community, Round Lake NY

Members Present: Connie Beeman, Mary Ellen Bena, Mary Jo Brown (Sec'y), Carolyn DeSantis, Denise DeWolf, Doug Hampton, Pat Kilgore, Diane Marco, Dave Mietlicki, Angela Paolucci, Nick Papa, Jack Robson, Sharon Ryan, Susan Spadaro, Mike Tidd
Guests: Diane Farney, Kris Sands

1 Opening of Meeting: The meeting was opened at 7:03 p.m. by Jack Robson. The Mission Statement was read and the meeting opened with prayer. Denise was thanked for printing the Mission Statement at the bottom of the agenda.

2 Youth Ministry, Angela Paolucci

- A bowling activity is planned for noon on January 9.
- A Virtus Training session will be held January 28, 6 p.m., St. Mary's, Crescent. (After age 18, this training is required if you wish to work with youth. A background check, at a cost of \$5, is also required.)
- There is a lack of communication between youth and youth minister. Angela has tried, will phone Christina.
- Denise suggested that we have a written report from the youth minister each month. We would like to know what Christina's vision is.
- Connie Beeman, who is on planning committee for GOF has said that Christina does not attend.
- Nick suggested that we need to know what is going on, perhaps with a written report.
- Jack will be attending the Finance Committee meeting and this topic will be brought up.
- The Super Bowl for Caring will be the first weekend in February.

3 Faith Formation

- Joan Haviland sent a written report.
- Parent meetings for Confirmation start this Sunday. It will be a two-year program for 9th and 10th graders. Ready-to-be-confirmed youth will do a service retreat with their sponsors.
- There are 61 candidates for Confirmation in May, 46 children in First Eucharist class.
- February GOF has the theme of faithfulness, which covers the 6th and 9th commandments.

4 Toiletries for Soldiers, Diane Farney

- This project of collecting toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, will be announced in the January 17 bulletin.
- The collection will take place January 24.
- Money donations may be made by checks made out to Corpus Christi, with indication on check of what it is for. (Mailing costs \$6 a box.)
- Diane will place a well marked box at each entrance of the Church.

5 Finance, Kris Sands

- Two people from the Diocese did an initial audit on our policies and procedures and an interview with everyone on the Finance Committee, Gail and Father Ed. They are going to audit every church in Diocese.
- We have to use tamper proof bags for money brought from church to money counters.
- Every parishioner is to receive tax statement. Father had not signed on a couple of accounts. All in all, it was a good audit.
- Rich Farrell is looking at our assessments, since we are working on cutting expenses, more receptive.
- Expenses are down. \$66,000 net income versus \$45,000 year before. Christmas was down.
- Waiting for estimates on roof repairs. Sidewalk entrance to old building was completed.
- Question was posed concerning our donations to debt reduction. Basically, should we donate more there, so that assessment stays down. Kris did not seem to think it made a difference.

6 Web Site, Nick Papa

- Changes have been made and sent to Rob Partlow.
- Names of those to be assigned the 17 buttons available have been selected, He will send the procedure to those people to see if they will accept ownership of the button.
- Judy Mullins is working on the parish history.
- We have come a long way!

7 Meet the Staff, Sharon Ryan

- St. Patrick's Day is on a Wednesday. We might schedule it for that day.

8 Gathering of Ministries, Nick Papa

- Approximately 325 people have said Yes to their attendance at the Jan 31 Ministry gathering, 12-3 p.m.
- Nick went through his check list of tasks: An announcement will be read at all Masses. Diane suggested that he ask Father to mention it at the end of Masses.
- Denise will make posters for attendance and provide pads for sign up at both entrances.

- Kris will talk to Finance Committee re amount of money for this. Council members will go to BJ's etc., will try to get donations, discounts. Pat K suggested members bring some food.
- Contingent on budget, Jack, Doug, Connie, Angela will try to get donations of finger foods. Punch will be the beverage, and coffee, tea.
- Friday the 29th, Nick, Jack, Dave will make purchases. Nick will check church's inventory of paper products with Don. Room has been reserved.
- Preparation of food Saturday 10 – 2.
- Discussion of where coats will be placed. Food has not been allowed in chapel, to keep carpet clean. They may use lobby for food also and chapel for coats. Check that sound system works.
- Early Sunday a.m. – get foods out, 10 a.m. Clean up Sunday afternoon.
- Name tags – Susan, Mike, Carolyn. Pat suggested first name and ministry. Susan will get name tags, pens, etc.
- Denise will take charge of some kind of the program and decorations, with a subcommittee. Sharon Ryan will help. Council wants it to be more than hospitality, should be fun. Carolyn and Connie will also help.
- Any food left over will have to be removed from the kitchen.

9 Bulletin

- Sharon passed around a bulletin from a church in South Carolina. (See below)

10 Polling Survey

- Concern had been expressed that a Town Hall meeting might be negative. Jack Robson clarified that it is not a definite. No point in doing it if it is a lynching. Later, it was suggested that we could give it a different name. "It's all in the marketing."
- The survey was overwhelmingly positive. Just some comments were questionable.
- The reason for the Ministry Gathering is to address some issues, and we will try to address others.
- We are trying to work on the reputation of our parish being special.
- The bulletin was mentioned again. It needs some "pizzazz."
- We do have the right to have a third page. But we would have to fill it each week!
- Suggestion was made that we list all our ministries, with contact person also noted. Each week we could describe two particular ministries.
- It was also suggested that we put in the readings for the week, to do a spiritual type of thing.
- Someone has to be responsible.
- Another suggestion was a Pastoral Council article.
- Perhaps we could let people know that we need more Eucharistic Ministers and other volunteers. A comment had been made that the same people do things all the time, but we do need more help.
- Congregation doesn't know, for instance, that Diane and Pat do the decorating of the church. We could tell them how many "woman hours" it took to decorate the church. A small blurb each week about such things might be of interest.

11 Eagle Scout

- Diane asked about the Eagle Scout project. Brian said he would get back to us in the Spring when Doug saw him recently.

Closing prayer and adjournment at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Brown, Recording Secretary