

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2010
Corpus Christi Community, Round Lake, NY

Members Present: Mary Ellen Bena, Carolyn DeSantis, Denise De Wolf, Fr. Ed Golding, Doug Hampton, Diane Marco, Dave Mietlicki, Matt Minardi, Nick Papa, Mike Tidd

Guests: John Finn, Kris Sands and Brian Gagnon

1 Opening of Meeting: The meeting was commenced at 7:02 p.m. by Doug Hampton. The meeting opened with a prayer and the Mission Statement was read.

2 Youth Ministry - A brief report from Matt Minardi was given. A question was presented about the status of the Youth Ministry program. Fr. Ed indicated that it will take new Youth Minister Christina Bass some time to get a plan in place for the youth ministry program due to this being her first year and her assigned time allotment of 10 hours per week. He indicated that there is a continuing need for parent volunteers and that he has asked her to focus on the younger children in our parish (approx. grades 4 to 6). We were advised that Christina is spending much of her time assisting with Generation of Faith. Some youth will be taking part in St. Edward's community service projects available to them as part of our "cluster" group of churches.

3 Faith Formation – Joan Haviland

- Joan was not present and did not send a report

4 Guest Presentation by Boy Scout Brian Gagnon

- Brian introduced himself once more. He is striving to receive his Eagle Scout Award by building a trestle around the statue of Mary in the garden in the front left of the Church. He has submitted his plans to his Boy Scout Council for approval and hopes to begin his fundraising efforts in the near future. He provided tentative drawings, cost estimates, etc., to the Pastoral Council for review. He was asked to be in touch with Don Butner, Jr., to advise him of the timeframe for building the structure as well as to ask that National Grid be contacted to avoid contact with underground wires once he begins the project. .

5 Finance Report – Kris Sands

- Kris reported on the regular fund and the debt reduction fund. She indicated our cash flow is good and we have made a payment on our Catholic Schools debt.
- The mild winter has helped with wear and tear on the roof as there has not been an accumulation of snow and we've been able to avoid leaking problems.
- The curbs outside of church are in need of repair due to water drainage problems. We will look into getting those repaired, as they can be a potential hazard.
- Kris reported that donations to the debt reduction fund have been increasing—very positive .

6 Ministries Section of Bulletin

- We will continue to have a ministries section in the weekly bulletin. It was suggested we pick a ministry (or two) to highlight each week and put a description in the bulletin. Fr. Ed said he'd welcome anyone who wants to briefly speak about the ministry before/after mass. We'd then have a table in the gathering area for sign-ups or questions. This year we'd still hold the ministries fair.

7 St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance -John Finn, representing the Knights of Columbus, attended the meeting to ask for Pastoral Council support of the St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 13, 2010. Tim Smith is cooking; take-outs are available.

8 Polling/Survey

- Discussion on the survey was tabled until next meeting.

9 Meet the Staff Day- Sharon and Denise

- The date has been set for March 17, 2010. Pastoral Council members are requested to attend. We will provide lunch for the Corpus Christi staff (and hope to introduce ourselves to those we don't know) in an effort to encourage a positive and supportive relationship between the two groups.

10 Evangelization- Judy Mullins was not present but sent in a report. Evangelization Committee is looking into the idea of having a ministry sponsor mentioned each week in the bulletin, as well as a vendor sponsor. They also discussed possibly having Fr. Ed's homilies (or an overview) printed in the bulletins. There will be a March 18 gathering at Corpus Christi regarding the Diocesan Amazing God Evangelization program. All of the surrounding parishes have a list of "best practices" drafted by the Diocesan Task Force and they will be discussing what Corpus Christi is already doing and what suggestions might be feasible in the future.

11 Other Items:

- **Parish History:** Judy Mullins is working to update the Parish History records. Fr. Ed suggested contacting someone at the Diocesan archives to possibly obtain data that is missing.
- **Discernment:** We will put a notice in the bulletin that the discernment process is about to begin and include nominating forms in subsequent bulletins as well. Judy Mullins has developed a timeline for this process. Doug Hampton and Dave Mietlicki have offered to assist Judy with this process.

The closing prayer was read. Adjournment was at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Denise De Wolf