

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2010, MEETING
Corpus Christi Community, Round Lake NY

Members Present: Connie Beeman, Mary Ellen Bena, Mary Jo Brown (Sec'y), Denise DeWolf, Carolyn DeSantis, Edward Golding, Doug Hampton, Joan Haviland, Pat Kilgore, Dave Mietlicki, Matt Minardi, Nick Papa, Jack Robson, Sharon Ryan, Susan Spadaro, Mike Tidd

Guests: Brian Gagnon, Judy Mullins, Jim Seeley, Walt Forney
Dennis Anderson, Bob Capone, Pete Donoghue, Laura Evoskevich, Matt Marino

1 Opening of Meeting: The meeting was opened at 7:05 p.m. by Jack Robson. The Mission Statement was read and the meeting opened with prayer.

2 Council Membership:

- New members for next year: Nick Papa, who will be returning for a second term, Bob Capone*, Laura Evoskevich, and Bob Stockton; and Alternates – Dennis Anderson, Pete Donoghue, and Nancy Paolucci. Connie Beeman, Denise DeWolf, and Dave Mietlicki will be leaving the Council this year.
- We will have snacks at the next meeting, our last for the year.

3 Youth Ministry:

- Matt Minardi and Joan Haviland were present to give report.
- Joan asked people on Council to volunteer help for the June 6 Parish Picnic/Carnival. Members agreed to do so. (Every current member is Virtus trained.)
- Christina has two people in mind to replace Angela and Matt as student members next year.

4 Faith Formation:

- 55 children attended Confirmation retreat, with 53 returning evaluations and they were positive. Three youth from St. Edwards and one from St. Johns Rensselaer joined us. Three of our young people attended retreat elsewhere.
- Joan and Christina have met with parishes in our cluster. Next time, there will be 5 retreats shared by the three parishes. St. Edwards, who have the most young people, will have three of those.
- Students to be confirmed are doing 10 hours of service. 9th graders are doing 5 hours.
- First Communion retreat – 49 out of 52 attended.
- Feedback from Mercy and Forgiveness Generations of Faith was positive.
- Christina is trying to recruit youth from the retreats, etc. She is visible.
- May 115-16, First Communion. Confirmation May 26 at 7:30 p.m.

5 Boy Scout Report:

- Brian Gagnon reported that he has all the money needed.
- Utility Company will be coming over to be sure there are no utilities where trestle is to be placed.
- Maintenance should not be a problem, as material is easy-upkeep.
- He has begun constructing panels and will install in the next few weeks.

6 Finance:

- In Kris Sands' absence, Father Ed reported that we are doing all right. We are paying \$16,000 to Diocese each month, interest and principal.
- Luanne Hetz has resigned as Music Director but will still conduct the 10:30 Mass choir.

7 Evangelization and Amazing God:

- Judy Mullins distributed a report on the committee's evangelization efforts to date. Wendy Marino had designed a clever cover sheet.
- Judy apologized that Council had the impression the focus was on outreach.
- Things that have "taken off" at Corpus Christi are Annual Veterans' Service, Cliftonpark.org banner ad, Greeters, Light up of church signs, Questions in the bulletin, and Catholics Returning Home.
- Other ideas being discussed are an RCDA Evangelization task force, Amazing God, sale of CCC Tee shirts, Cluster Evangelization teams, Visitor parking signs, Evangelization tips in bulletin, Pew boxes for visitor cards, Advent Mission week, Teaching on meaning and process of Evangelization.
- It is hoped that we will have a parish retreat next year.
- Jim Seeley was present to talk about the Amazing God events planned by the Diocese. He distributed information.
- The Bishop brought people together and Jim is the only lay person in the group.
- The task force has put together a number of ideas for activities to evolve over three years.
- One event will be a soft opening for the renewed Cathedral.
- The third year, there would be a major event which will, hopefully, be held at the Pepsi Arena

- Bob Capone asked if there is an organized attempt to integrate the Diocese's best practices into the parish? The reply from Jim was affirmative. The diocesan committee will be trying to get a team of people from each parish.
- Jack Robson thanked Judy and Jim for coming in and said that this all fits in perfectly with the Council's vision. The Council has been reaching within. We should be sure to coordinate with the Evangelization group.

8 Parish Survey:

- Jack commented that we have made some good initial strides – website, ministries in bulletin, Meet the Staff, etc.
- Nick believes we need to do the low hanging fruit first and then climb up.
- Jack asked Denise to get the survey results to the new members.
- Ideas from Nick:
 - a. Contact youth minister and reaffirm our willingness to help out. We already talked about that.
 - b. Place a statue in the gathering area of the church, received from closed churches. Nick, and anyone who wants to come, will travel to see if something suitable is available for us. Father Ed has no problem as long as it is tastefully done and is not contrary to our tradition. The parishioners have asked for this through the survey. Joan suggested that Diane Marco and Pat Heron be included in decision.
 - c. Contact Angela and Father Ed about assisting with Ministry Fair.
 - d. Plan a social event for late Fall. Discussion of alcohol use. Insurance coverage should be checked.

9 Others:

- Jack asked what we would like to do, socially, for the last meeting of the year. Nick, Doug, Denise, Jack and Sharon will work on this.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment, 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Jo Brown, Recording secretary

***Subsequent to the discernment process** and being elected, Matt Marino chose not to accept the Pastoral Council position. First Alternate, Bob Capone, will serve as the fourth Pastoral Council member elected for the 2010-2012 term.

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DISCERNMENT OF OFFICERS FOR 2010-11 took place after adjournment.

Executive members selected are:

Jack Robson, Chair
 Sharon Ryan, Vice-chair
 Mary Ellen Bena, secretary
 Nick Papa and Carolyn DeSantis, At-Large Members