

Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 15, 2010 – 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Mark Fischer. Opening prayer was lead by Fr. Paul.

Members Present:

Fr. Paul Wolf, Mark Antony, Marty Brandl, Mark Fischer, Yvonne Girard, Bob Hirmer, Kelly Jones, Connie Mathiowetz, Todd Reif, Beth Ritter.

Recommended Actions:

The minutes of January 18, 2010 were approved.

Pastor's Report:

Elevator maintenance should be completed this week.

YHR architects will be here this week to review the contract and future steps for the Capital Campaign/Building Task Force. Fr. Paul thanked those who have done more visits to solicit support. Lenten Season events are in the bulletin.

New Business:

Fr. Jim Sichko has been contacted to hold a mission next year, beginning April 9-10, 2011, which is the week before Palm Sunday

Strategic Plan Evaluation:

Worship: The Youth Music program continues to replace leadership within. There are a variety of choir opportunities available-commitment is sometimes easier for cantering. We have a good variety of music but may be lacking in the Hispanic music area. Discussion on Hispanic Ministry indicates a variety of cultures within that ministry and changes as the 3rd generation of families are growing. We continue to try to integrate within liturgy- i.e. Catholic School's week mass.

There are enough volunteers in all ministries at this time. Cassocks will be reviewed and cleaned.

Ushers and greeters could be expanded. The Catholic Daughters serve the 2nd week of the month. A suggestion was made to assign families as part of the Confirmation program.

The 5 PM Saturday mass is growing in younger families and could benefit from a 2nd children's liturgy. Education of parishioners is ongoing with the current bible study, CD series of topics offered for sale in church during the Lenten season, bulletin articles.

Education: Promotion on the website is kept up by Marty. Programs are being offered for Adult Faith Formation. Pulpit announcements are well done. A 15 second commercial will begin running at the Marshall theatre. Newsprint, website, e mail communication are all being utilized. A suggestion was made to encourage parents to take turns helping in the faith formation classrooms without committing to the teacher responsibility. Virtus training would be necessary for all parents. Parents with children in the education areas receive weekly communication.

Growth and retention in education was discussed. The biggest census trend is smaller families. The average elementary class size is 20-25 students. The largest class of 40 is 8th grade this year.

Ongoing Business:

Pictorial Directory: Books are being printed.

Harvest Fest: Fr. Paul needs the written project details for the next chair and will contact Becki.

Parish Communications:

CCW: No Report

EAC: No Report

Worship/Outreach: Upcoming and ongoing events: Soup & Sermon starts this week, "Rediscovering Catholicism" has begun, Grief Support Group, Food Drive March 20-21 and 2nd collection: donation of \$1 gives a return 10 times, RCIA Sending Forth is Feb. 21 – 8-9 candidates, 7 interested for next year, pamphlet for Triduum is available.

Finance: Handbook review for the staff has begun. A 2nd task force is being formed to see the issues and concerns of the school building. Staffing is considering a part/full time Development Director

position for next year. April 1 the budget should be done. Lynn Nelson will be returning part time as she heals after being injured in a car accident. Envelopes are being forwarded to winter addresses of parishioners if it's available. The mailing includes all the diocesan extra envelopes and is cost effective.

Hispanic Ministry: No Report

Comments:

Suggestion was made to archive some of the "Q's from the Pews" (questions from parishioners) on the website to address issues that are frequently asked. Fr. Paul explained that there are not any new divisions in the Foundation as people pledge donations during the Phonathon. There is support to continue the Phonathon. Marty will include the Holy Redeemer Foundation on the website.

Fr. Paul led closing prayer. The next meeting will be held Monday, March 15, 2010, 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ritter, Secretary