

Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 18, 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, Marty Brandl, Alyce Dierickx, Mark Fischer, Yvonne Girard, Kelly Jones, Connie Mathiowetz, Todd Reif, Beth Ritter, Neil Sullivan

Guests: Carol DeSmet

Recommended Actions:

The minutes of November 16, 2009 were approved.

Pastor's Report:

The elevator is being repaired and will be down until early February. In Spring, the Youth Center roof will be resingled and vents redone. There is insurance coverage for the Youth Center and Fair Stand. The school office may be relocated for security issues.

Capital Campaign/Building Task Force: The committee will be meeting Jan. 25. The Campaign has \$3 million pledged, \$1.2 million received to date. Additional volunteers will be making contacts to those who haven't received folders.

Fr. Paul is reviewing the Bishop's medal recipients for possible additional awards this year.

There are about 20 groups organized for 'Rediscovering Catholicism'.

Staff Report: Carol DeSmet reported on enrollment figures with reference to other diocesan schools, the Marshall Resident enrollment, baptisms in the parish and school age children in the parish. There is an active recruitment committee pursuing marketing ideas: Kindergarten Roundup format has been revised, personal contacts are made, ad in the Visitor's Guide, ad at the Marshall Theatres, video on the website or DVD available. Small class size and foreign language for K-8 are 2 strong selling points of HRS. Survey of 2009 8th grade graduates show high extra curricular involvement in high school. There are more families attending the school but trends are less children per family.

New Business:

Youth Mission Group: 14 Youth are attending the Mission trip to Montana this summer. Life Force is fundraising for youth activities.

Strategic Plan Evaluation: Reviewed the last overview from 2007. Next month will address the Worship and Education areas of the plan. We will review, update and revise.

Ongoing Business:

Pictorial Directory: One final proof needs to come yet. Books should be received by early March.

Parish Festival-Raffle: Mark will contact Becki for a written recap for a new chairperson.

DMA: We have met our projected goal in pledges but not all is received yet. Other parish issues have affected the amount raised this year.

Parish Communications:

CCW: No report.

EAC: 7 families completed the Early Catholic Life Family program. Feb. 13 is the Sweetheart Dinner – youth fundraiser. The Catholic Schools week mass/open house will be held Sunday, Jan. 31. The Greenwood Nursery certificate sale will begin soon. RCIA has some candidate changes. "Rediscovery Catholicism" will begin the week of Feb. 7. Stations of the Cross will be held Fridays during Lent.

Worship/Outreach: We will have the Heart to Heart Angel tree again next year and increase the number of angels on the tree. March 20-21 will be the Food Drive with tubs at the doors and a second collection. Lenten Soup and Sermon will be held in Carlin Hall, kitchen overseen by Geri Labat and Yvonne Seivert. CCW will sponsor a CD sale of various religious topics. This year the ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be held at Holy Redeemer. The 2nd collection for assistance to Haiti was taken last weekend with nearly \$10,000 collected.

Finance: The budget is ahead of plan at 6 months into the year. Capital expenses will use the excess. Sunday collections are on track. Other revenues are up about \$25,000. The Legacy and stock gains are making up some of the difference. New envelopes are coming out with an option to designate where funds should be spent. Envelope mailings will be forwarded for those with a different winter address. Receipts in the yellow Maintenance envelopes are up.

Hispanic Ministry: No report.

Comments:

Feedback on the Capital Campaign is “anxious to start moving” on it.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Ritter, Secretary