

Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 15, 2009 – 7:00 PM

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

Members Present:

Fr. Paul Wolf, John Allen, Marty Brandl, Alyce Dierickx, Mark Fischer, Bob Hirmer, Becki Johnson, Connie Mathiowetz, Beth Ritter, Neil Sullivan, Tom Williford.

Recommended Actions:

The minutes of May 18, 2009 were approved with the correction to Gustavo Jimenez's name.

Pastor's Report:

Building Maintenance: Computers have been ordered for the teachers at Holy Redeemer School. The brick shed on the school property will be taken down. Changes at the Faith Formation Center include re-carpeting of some rooms, removal of many couches and replacement with chairs and tables, office space rearrangement, painting. The Campus Religious Center has been cleaned out by volunteers. The church has had some shingles put on; painting and cleaning has been done. Plans for the Parish Center are being revisited with remodeling an option. Work on resetting some headstones at the cemetery will begin tomorrow.

Capital Campaign: Individual contacts are being made with good response.

Staffing: Ryan Langr, Youth Minister, and Gustavo Jimenez, Hispanic Minister, will begin employment in July/August.

New Business:

Parish Council: Todd Reif will be a new member on the council. Officers for the upcoming year were elected: Mark Fischer-Chair, Marty Brandl-Vice-Chair, and Alyce Dierickx-Secretary.

Fair Food Stand: The council will provide workers for the opening night of the fair along with the Finance Council. The shift will be 5:30 – 11 PM on Wed., August 12. A sign up sheet for workers was routed.

Campus Religious Center: Fr. Paul would like feedback to help define our responsibility with the CRC. We are half owners with the Lutheran ministries whose funding is from a national organization rather than local parishes. Lutheran Ministries funds a full time minister, Dave Christiansen. Holy Redeemer provides funding of \$18,000 a year, which includes a part time minister and building overhead, in addition to half ownership of the building. Discussion followed on involvement numbers, advertisement and promotion on campus, international student participation, suitcase college challenges, unseen long term benefits, time allocation of new Youth Minister. Members will research ideas on improving our parish's role at the CRC and report at the next meeting.

Ongoing Business:

125th Anniversary: Becki reported work on recording 'oral histories' and preparing a power point are in process. Invitations to our day's celebration will be sent to past ministers and staff. Organizations will be contacted to sponsor cakes to be served at the reception. The Lyon County Historical Society has been contacted for display items.

Pictorial Directory: 320 parishioners have completed sign up for appointments. The last book contained about 1000 photos. People are encouraged to participate as it is a historical record of our parish and area faith community. Phone contacts will be made in July to parishioners without appointments.

Parish Festival: The raffle committee is meeting and will be streamlining raffle items this year. There will be fewer items, more cash prize options, greater value in the items. Gambling laws are stringent on raffle procedures. The meal will be catered giving parishioners time to enjoy the event. There will not be a beer garden this year.

Parish Communications:

CCW: No Report. Arlene Lesewski, as President, will be attending future Parish Council meetings.

EAC: ECFL, Early Catholic Family Life program will begin in the fall.

Worship/Outreach: No report. A new chair will be selected in the fall.

Finance: Neil reported work on properties projects are progressing as reported by Fr. Paul. The Campus Religious Center is also being evaluated by the Finance Council.

Hispanic Ministry: Hispanic Ministry sold burritos after the masses June 14 and raised \$460. July 26 will be the next burrito sale. There will be a welcome dinner for Gustavo Jimenez, new Hispanic Minister on July 12.

Comments:

Parishioners are inquiring about the status of the Capital Campaign. Fr. reported we are on the third wave of contacting individuals for contributions. Painting in the church was well done with great results on color coordination.

Fr. Paul led closing prayer. The meeting adjourned to the Wooden Nickel for a year end social. The next meeting will be held Monday, August 17, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Roncalli Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ritter, Secretary