

Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 16, 2009 – 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, Alyce Dierickx, Mark Fischer, Yvonne Girard, Becki Johnson, Kelly Jones, Jane Larson, Connie Mathiowetz, Sandy Redding, Todd Reif, Beth Ritter, Neil Sullivan

Guests: Gloria Castillo, Tina Quenones, Ryan Langer, Gustavo Jimenez.

Recommended Actions:

The minutes of October 19, 2009 were approved.

Pastor's Report:

Capital Campaign: Pledges of \$2.3 million have been made. Over 20% of that has been received.

Staff Report: Ryan Langer was introduced and gave a report on his Youth Ministry position. He is responsible for helping youth develop their faith and oversees the Confirmation program. A retreat on vocations was held for the high school Juniors. Teen social events planned include a lock in, bonfire, upcoming Christmas party, and ski trip. A Mission trip to Montana to a Blackfeet Indian reservation is being planned for this summer. 14 students are going and will be traveling by train. Youthworks is the sponsor. Ryan is a graduate of St. Mary's in Winona with a degree in theology and psychology and experience in music and retreats.

Two students attended the National Catholic Youth Conference this year. The next NCYC will be held in 2011 and World Youth Day will be held in August 2011 in Spain.

New Business:

Lent The Capital Campaign has raised an awareness of parishioners who are not involved in the parish. To begin evangelizing ourselves so that we can then reach out to others, Fr Paul is organizing a study using the book Rediscovering Catholicism, author Matthew Kelly, which will be offered to the parish. There are 21 chapters which could be covered in 10 sessions, in groups of 10-12 people. Books have been purchased. He will develop discussion questions and hopes to start in mid-January. Those interested should contact him.

Christmas Social The December 21 meeting will be held at 6 PM for both Finance and Parish Councils with a social gathering to follow at 7 PM at the Wooden Nickel.

Ongoing Business:

125th Anniversary & Deacon Ordination: Events went very well with great music, good displays and good support and attendance from the parish.

Pictorial Directory: A Proof of the final directory should be received November 25.

Parish Festival-Raffle: The event made a profit of \$53,143. There was more participation the 2nd year but less proceeds from the raffle.

Food Stand: Final profit was \$16,457. The change in schedule to a Wed-Sat. fair affected attendance causing a decrease over last year.

DMA: Ongoing status is available on the Diocesan website.

Parish Communications:

CCW: No report.

EAC: Upcoming events include an Advent Day on Nov. 22 and Dec. 6 in Carlin Hall, Lori Timmerman is coordinating it. Retreats for 9th, 11th and 2nd graders are coming up. The technology fundraiser is ongoing. The RCIA Rite of Acceptance will be held Dec. 5 at the 5 PM mass for 11-12 candidates. Children are needed for a procession at the 4 PM Christmas eve mass.

Worship/Outreach: Grief Support just finished a fall session. Another will be started as needed. 11 team members are in the Grief Support Group. The Memorial Mass was well attended – 55 families were invited. The Anointing mass, held at 5 PM on Saturday also went well. The Heart to Heart Angel

Tree is up and ready for people to give donations. The ecumenical Thanksgiving service will be hosted by First Lutheran Church this year at 7 PM. A 2nd collection for the food shelf will be taken this weekend. Lenten CD's will be available this year.

Finance: The budget is tracking on target. Fundraisers were discussed: proceeds from the Schwan's food fundraiser is being earmarked for technology in the school budget, SCRIP proceeds reduces tuition and the remainder goes to the operating budget, cookie dough sales is a home and school fundraiser, wreath sales are done by Faith Formation, Greenwood Nursery certificates are a Youth Activities fundraiser. Future plans include a marathon service day.

Hispanic Ministry: Sr Anna Marie Reha has provided information for Immigration Sunday. A 9 day novena will precede the Feast of our Mother of Guadalupe which is Dec. 12. The feast begins at 12 midnight. The noon mass will be followed by a potluck dinner. Advance notice will be published in the bulletin. They are planning on introducing a Posada to the parish on Dec. 22.

Comments:

Avera Hospital is the only Catholic hospital in our diocese. Good feedback was heard on the 125th Anniversary.

Fr. Paul led closing prayer. The next meeting will be held Monday, December 21, 2009 at 6:00 PM., place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ritter, Secretary