

Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 19, 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, Gustavo Jimenez.

Recommended Actions:

The minutes of September 21, 2009 were approved.

Pastor's Report:

Capital Campaign: \$1.7 million has been pledged representing about 20% of the parish who have responded. 1000 families haven't received folders yet. There will be an effort to have additional volunteers contact them.

Pictorial Directory: The directory is being finalized with one final proofing in November. It may be printed and received in December.

Staff Report: Gustavo Jimenez reported on the Hispanic ministry. He is updating a database of families registered, helping with one individual in the RCIA program, offering a Sat. AM course for adults, providing a Spanish section in the bulletin, and visiting homes. He is one of 8 Hispanic Ministers in the diocese ministering primarily to individuals from Honduras, Guatamala and Mexico. Pending new legislation, he will be working with immigration issues.

New Business:

Diocesan Ministries Appeal: The DMA will begin the 2nd week of November. Our parish goal is \$42,000.

Ongoing Business:

125th Anniversary: The event will be at 2 PM Sunday, November 8. A meeting Wed. will finalize details for displays. Zach Peterson's ordination as a transitional deacon will be held at 10:30 AM on November 7. A luncheon is being planned in Carlin Hall following the service.

Building Project: Two trees have been removed on the west side of the church and gutters cleaned.

Parish Festival: \$49,500 is the preliminary net amount raised by the event. Leaders will need to be recruited for next year. Fr. Paul asked for documented notes of the various committee areas.

Parish Communications:

CCW: Booklets were mailed out and the organization will be holding quarterly meetings for the full membership and board meetings monthly. Jason Myhre spoke on Apologetics at the Sept. meeting. They hope to draw larger attendance with educational programs.

EAC: Sunday rolls will be overseen by Holy Redeemer School and Faith Formation classes. Recent attendance was 40-50 people. The ECFL (Early Catholic Family Living) program has 14 children from 6 families participating. A group of college students is meeting Thurs. nights with Fr. Jack at the Campus Center. Upcoming Youth events include a bonfire and a possible mission trip for next summer.

Worship/Outreach: Music is being coordinated for the ordination and 125th Anniversary. The Grief Support group is going well; it is outreach to families with a catastrophic event affecting their lives. Pet blessing was well attended. Our representative to the Refuge has resigned. The Anointing mass will be held at 5 PM Sat. October 25. Upcoming projects include the Heart to Heart tree, Food Drive November 22, All Souls mass Nov. 1 at 2 PM. 56 families have been invited from Holy Redeemer and Green Valley. CDA will provide dessert and beverages.

Finance: Weekly giving has increased from summer months. Efforts to control costs are addressing the contract with Johnson Controls for heating and health insurance options for staff and school employees. The HRS Technology committee requested approval to do a fundraiser for teachers computers

purchased this summer and future replacement of computers in the 2nd computer lab. A monthly Schwans food fundraiser will begin in November. Product can be delivered through route drivers.
Hispanic Ministry: No report.

Comments:

Beginning October 29, the diocese will begin a Capital Campaign for building needs in New Ulm.

Fr. Paul led closing prayer. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 16, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Roncalli Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ritter, Secretary