

Holy Redeemer Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 21, 2009 – 7:30 PM

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Fischer. Opening prayer was lead by Sandy Redding.

Members Present:

Fr. Paul Wolf, Mark Antony, Marty Brandl, Alyce Dierickx, Mark Fischer, Yvonne Girard, Bob Hirmer, Becki Johnson, Kelly Jones, Jane Larson, Connie Mathiowetz, Sandy Redding, Todd Reif, Beth Ritter, Neil Sullivan.

Recommended Actions:

The minutes of August 17, 2009 were approved.

Pastor's Report:

Building Maintenance: Building roofs were looked at for hail damage. The Fairstand and Faith Formation buildings both need roofs replaced. The Properties Committee is reviewing the contract with Johnson Controls. 4 of 6 drains in the Parish Center are now plugged.

Capital Campaign: The next phase will begin with a mailing to 1500 families. There will be folders for each family to pick up after mass over 3 weekends in October. A 15 minute presentation will be made after all masses. The current amount raised will be disclosed in October.

The Legacy will be mailed this week. The Diocesan Ministries Appeal is scheduled for November.

New Business:

New member Kelly Jones was introduced and welcomed.

Ongoing Business:

125th Anniversary: The KC's have donated \$500 to be used for food and videography for the event on November 8, 2009. Alex Peterson will be videotaping oral histories that day. Zach Peterson's diaconate ordination will be at 10:30 AM, Sat. November 7.

Pictorial Directory: The directory is almost complete. Father encouraged members to get feedback from parishioners on the company used and reasons for not participating.

Building Project: In November, after pledges are in, the task force will meet with the architect to plan where and when work will begin. Events scheduled for next summer have been informed that work may be taking place. Changes to the parish center building with priest's housing are uncertain. New Ulm also has a Pastoral Center needing renovation.

Parish Festival: Volunteers are still needed and should contact Becki Johnson. Lateifa Bentz has volunteered to handle publicity. Take out meals are available on 5th Street this year. The Callens family will be performing in the church at 2 PM.

Parish Communications:

CCW: Sandy Redding reported that booklets were sent to all members. 35 people attended the Medjugorje presentation on Sunday. They still need a Vice-President. Oct. 4 is Respect Life Sunday. Oct. 11 is CCW Sunday but may be celebrated another date due to the Capital Campaign presentations. Jason Myhre will be presenting on Apologetics at the Sept. 28 meeting.

EAC: Becky reported ECFL, Early Catholic Family Life, program will begin in October. Donut/Roll Sunday is starting in October between the 8 and 10 AM masses on a weekly basis. It's a Faith Formation/HRS project. Volunteers are needed. A monthly schedule will be set up. There will be weekly mass at 7:30 PM Wednesdays after Faith Formation classes in St. Mary's Chapel. Parents are encouraged to join students for mass. Adult Formation has 3 groups meeting for the Bible Timeline study and the study of Matthew.

Worship/Outreach: Yvonne reported a choir for the diaconate ordination is being formed. When the new sacramentary is completed in 4 years, we will look at other books for the congregation. Fr. Paul has been referring names to the Grief support team. Grief sessions will be held at Hill Street Place beginning October 6, through Hospice and Marcia Schroeder. CD's of the month will be available during lent at \$3/CD, on 12 different topics. The pet blessing will be held October 4. Western Community Action will be taking over the homeless shelter project. All Saints Day mass will be held

at 2 PM on November 1. The Anointing mass will be at 5 PM on October 24. Confirmation will be held the first weekend in March at the 10 AM mass for all 3 of the Bread of Life parishes.

Finance: Neil reported the August 31 financials are better than projected and better than the previous year. Bremer Trust reviewed investments at the meeting.

Hispanic Ministry: No report

Comments:

All ministries for the Sunday liturgies are going to have monthly schedules set up. People are encouraged to sign up for a monthly commitment.

Ryan Langr and Gustavo Jimenez will be invited to the next meeting with other staff included throughout the year.

Connie suggested adding some hospitality to our meetings, potentially between the Finance Council and Parish Council meetings to provide some time for conversation. She will take care of the next meeting.

Fr. Paul led closing prayer. The next meeting will be held Monday, October 19, 2009 at 7:30 PM in the Roncalli Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Ritter, Secretary