

Pastoral Council Meeting- February 2, 2010

Members Present: Ed Davis, Bill Harper, Bill Hess, Tom Kadela, Renee Kirschbaum, Adam Lawler, John Rains Members Absent: Sandy Blankenship, Father Tom Flach

The minutes from January 7 were approved with a few minor corrections.

Church Survey Update

Tom Kadela has agreed to put together a one page executive summary about the results of the survey which he will present to the council at the next meeting.

Cluster Committee/Reflection Group Update

There was a discussion to decide what the purpose of the reflection group is apart from the cluster committee. It has been suggested that an organizational flow chart be created. Each of the deaneries was asked to have a parish council representative attend the cluster committee meetings.

Welcoming Committee

Laverne has been informed that Ed Davis will be the new welcoming coordinator. He suggested that we put a short biography and picture of new parishioners in the bulletin as one way of introducing people to the church community. He also suggested that it would be nice if we were made aware of when a parishioner is leaving the parish so that we can get some feedback from them. The council approved this idea. There were no new parishioners this month.

Religious Education/Youth Ministry Update

PSR is having a planning meeting for the Passover Meal which will take place during the Sunday night PSR on March 21. On Wednesday, February 10 people from Camp Ondessonk will be coming to talk to the PSR students. On February 11 there will be a Child Protection meeting with the children. There are 4 registered so far. The Adult Faith Formation meets on February 14 to discuss the book club and choose a book. On February 28 there will be a Confirmation retreat from 1-6 pm. The youth will be doing the Stations of the Cross that evening. On Ash Wednesday there will be a Liturgy of the Word service at 7 a.m. with distribution of ashes, and Mass at noon and 6 p.m. On Fridays during Lent there will be a Mass at 12:10 p.m. and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 1-5 p.m. followed by stations and benediction.

Youth Commission

There was a youth commission retreat on January 31, in which 4 new commissioners were installed. They discussed the components of youth ministry and expectations of commissioners. The new commissioners include Mr. and Mrs. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Castillo, Claudia Cuartas, and Letty DeMattei. The ski trip was a success. The TEC Retreat is being cancelled due to lack of participation. Upcoming youth events include a presentation of the live Stations of the Cross, a presentation on relationships given by Tom Kadela, the movie **Passion of the Christ**, followed by a discussion. A group of youth will be

attending DYC on the weekend of March 13 and 14. So far, 18 teens have signed up. There is a BBQ rib sale this coming weekend. There were approximately 81 slabs sold which was about a 40% decrease from last year. Prices were raised this year because of the need for more funds. There was a meeting with the youth which took place after PSR, in which there was a discussion of how the teens felt about the current PSR and youth ministry programs. They shared some concerns about the current programs and ways to make some changes within the next few months.

Liturgy Committee Update

There will be a meeting on Monday, Feb. 8th. Some new software has been purchased which will help with organizing ministry schedules. Dick and Patty Heckel will be setting this up. The use of this software will relieve Laverne of the responsibility of setting up the ministry schedules. RCIA will have the Rite of Election at the Cathedral on February 21.

Other Business

We will be taking a closer look at how the issue of vocations is presented to the people.

There needs to be a greater outreach effort to the Hispanic community in our parish. The Senas already have begun to work more closely with the Hispanic community.

We need to find ways to encourage more parent involvement with the youth.

We need to look at the timetable for when a report on the parish survey will go out, possibly the end of March. The executive summary may meet this need.

Faith Formation Committee- We are trying to create a faith formation committee which will cover all aspects of religious education from PSR to adult faith formation. This committee will probably report to the pastoral council. Tom Kadela and Bill Harper will meet after the youth commission meeting to discuss and implement some changes.

Church Renovation Update- There were meetings on the 13th and 26th of January with the building committee. They are working on some compromises on the building plans including the location of the entrance, butterflies and water treatment issues. There is a plan to put the font in the gathering area and the bathrooms will go to the back of the church. John Rains presented a new drawing based on the outcomes of the two meetings. The costs of the new plans appear to be comparable to previous plans. There will be another meeting on February 16 to continue the discussion of plans and costs.

There was a brief review of the constitution with clarification of some issue regarding what constitutes a quorum and that there are 9 voting members, 6 elected and 3 permanent.

We will be changing the pastoral council meeting to the 4th Tuesday of the month at the request of Father Flach who has a prior commitment on the 2nd Tuesdays. The meetings will also begin at 6 p.m. The next meeting will be February 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.