

Saint Joseph Church Pastoral Council Meeting
June 22, 2010

Members Present: Tom Kadela, Ed Davis, Adam Lawler, Bill Hess, Monsignor Thomas Flach, John Rains, Sandra Blankenship.

Opening Prayer: Ed Davis

Minutes: not available

Social Committee: Carla Haas and Barb Meadows will be attending the July meeting for an update

2010-2011 Church Budget: John Rains: The Finance Committee met on June 21. New software has been obtained which will help to better define the new budget. The draft 2010-2011 budget was presented. Individual questions will be referred to the Finance Committee. The Memorial Fund will now be placed into the General Fund. Expenditures will then be paid out of the General Fund.

Monsignor Flach suggested that instead of having a “Goal” each week in the bulletin, the numbers would reflect a Budgeted amount of \$7150.00 per week. This is divided up between \$340,000.00 in the offering and \$32,000.00 in loose monies received each year. These numbers divided by 52 weeks per year equals \$7150.00 per week budget.

“Stipends” will also be changed to “Church Fees” which are collected for weddings, funerals and other functions. A suggestion was made to increase the fee for people who are not members of St. Joseph Parish.

A motion was made by Ed Davis to accept the budget as presented. Second by John Rains. Motion carried.

Church Renovation Update: John Rains: John stated that the 99% completed drawings and specifications are to be reviewed by the Building Committee. The drawings will then be presented to the Diocese for approval. The Bishop will have to approve the drawings and make any modifications necessary. Final drawings should be completed by July 27. The bids will then be sent in August. Contractor selection will be completed in mid-August. The Capital Campaign Committee will be forming. Asbestos abatement will be performed after a scheduled September 27 wedding. During asbestos abatement and construction, the parish will meet and masses held in the Family Life Center. During October and November the construction of outside structures will be started. Construction of the facility should be completed by Easter 2011.

Church Survey Update: Tom Kadela: Tom put together a letter that was sent to the congregation. A poor response has been received with a disproportionate number of responses received from a single segment of the parish. Another letter written by Tom and Adam Lawler is being developed to send to the congregation.

Much discussion was held on ways to encourage hospitality within the congregation. This will be added to the agenda of the Parish Council.

Pastoral Associates' Report – Bill Harper is on vacation.

Welcoming Committee: Ed Davis: Tonja and Stephen Peterson are the first new couple since this committee began. They will be featured in the bulletin.

Youth Ministry Update: Tom Kadela reported the Youth Commission has been re-energized with changes to the traditional youth program. It will become a “purposeful” Youth Ministry. PSR will go back to individual grades and classrooms. Each week will have a theme and purpose and they will “mix it up” to encourage kids to come to Youth Ministry. Youth Ministry has purchased \$500 worth of materials to ease the burden on the teachers. It will help to get kids thinking and encourage them to talk about the theme. There are 32 suggested modules of PSR from the diocese.

Pepsi donated Holiday World tickets but the response was poor from the kids. Therefore, the tickets were given to those who registered and also to a family within the parish that would not otherwise be able to afford to go to Holiday World.

Six kids have registered for the Mission Trip. This is a great decrease in the amount of participants, which is typically 35. Carterville will join us with one participant and Gallatin County will have one child participating. A letter to provide scholarships to the participants went out to the congregation. Any leftover monies will be placed in savings.

Parish Directory: Monsignor Flach and Ed Davis are waiting for the census to be completed. The goal is to keep printing in house, with advertising sold to keep costs down.

Messenger: The Messenger is offering an opportunity for the parish to participate in a subscription drive in October/November/December. For \$600.00 we would receive 600 copies of the Messenger to distribute free to members of the parish. The goal would be to increase awareness of the Messenger and increase the number of subscriptions. Much discussion was held regarding the few articles presented in the Messenger that were applicable to the Southern counties within the diocese. Suggestions were made for Monsignor Flach to present to the Editor of the Messenger, Liz Quirin.

Closing Prayer: Monsignor Flach led the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.