

## **Pastoral Council Minutes – February 23, 2010**

**Members Present:** Sandy Blankenship, Jim Bleyer, Ed Davis, Clark Deacon, Deb DeGoricia, Clarence DeMattei, Father Thomas Flach, Bill Harper, Bill Hess, Tom Kadela, Renee Kirschbaum, Patty Lynn, John Rains

### **Church Renovation-**

Three meetings have taken place with the building committee, which have led to the current discussion. John Rains, Father Flach and Chuck Gearhart went to Belleville to look at two churches which contributed to the development of the current plans. There was discussion of water treatment issues and concerns regarding the way the portal leads into the gathering area and nave. Tomorrow, the engineer, architect, Chuck Gearhart and Randy Barton are going to do a "walk around" to assess what will actually be needed in the renovation plans, including flooring, heating/cooling etc. This will give them a bigger picture so they can estimate costs. Some of the other issues discussed include the size of the robe closet and bathrooms, where the Stations of the Cross would be located, the position of the door between the gathering area and chapel, and wheel chair seating. The issue of risers and whether the organ and piano should be together were also discussed, as well as the possibility of getting a lift into the choir area for people with disabilities. We currently have about \$700,000 to get started.

Next steps for the renovation are (1) obtain a revised scope to establish costs, (2) prepare the contract with the architect and resolutions to be sent to the Diocese of Belleville, (3) conduct a parish meeting in March, (4) hand deliver or send resolutions to Belleville for approval, (5) once approved, obtain as built specifications from architect, (6) conduct a capital campaign, (7) Bid the project possibly by mid-summer.

A motion was made that we approve the building committee's recommendation of February 16, 2010, and in conjunction with this, we adopt the action plan to move forward with the recommended renovations. There was a unanimous approval of the voting members, with the condition from Ed Davis that he would approve of the plan based on the cost estimate for the gabled roof.

There is a tentative plan to have a meeting with the members of the parish on March 13. John would like parish council members to give testimonials about what they like about the plan.

### **Church Survey**

The report had a lot of demographics. The red areas on the printout are areas of concern for the council. The green areas indicate areas of success. The survey showed that in general, most people were neutral about most issues.

The primary concerns at this time are communication, leadership communication and planning, and lack of cohesiveness. It was discovered that about 80 families answered the survey with white, retired people being the predominant group who participated. It seems that people want a clear understanding of the hierarchy, transparency about how decisions are made, and open communication. Father

suggested that we have a meeting just to address the outcomes of the survey and possibly set goals for parish renewal. It was also decided that there should be a bulletin insert summarizing the survey.

**Cluster Committee-** No new business

**Welcoming Committee-**

Ten new names were given to Ed for the months of Nov., Dec., Jan., and Feb. He will make contact with each family.

**Religious Education/ Youth Ministry Update-**

The presentation given by Tom to the youth on relationships was well received and generated good discussion among the youth. The Confirmation retreat is on the weekend of Feb. 27/ 28. Upcoming events for the youth include Stations of the Cross, the Passover meal and a movie. RCIA went to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Our 2 catechumens went.

There will be a training on March 20 for Eucharistic Ministers before names are sent to the Bishop.

Employee <sup>Evaluations</sup> surveys are going out to the employees and supervisors for feedback. They will meet before the end of March to set goals.

**Other Business-**

Tom Kadela had questions about the youth activities line item in the financial report. Tom also asked about whether the financial committee approved the credit card for the youth.

Bill Hess provided a closing prayer.