

St. Joan of Arc - Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes May 20, 2009, 6:30 P.M.

Present: Fr. Joseph; Deacon Buddy; Jason Pasioneck; Marty Hoskins; Don Slavin; Louise Lederhos; Joe Zibrick; Mike Brod (Finance Council liaison); Pat McEahern (acting secretary)

Absent: Leanne Sprenger; Marge Meis-White

Fr. Joseph opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:45 p.m.

Reports and Discussion: Reports from each Council member and discussion followed.

Formation Report, Joe Zibrick: Joe has reviewed literature received from Sr. Margaret. He has received the ELC newsletters, and will sit in on their board meetings quarterly. Joe is also receiving minutes from the Youth groups. As a new Council member, Joe is still feeling his way, but is beginning to learn more about our formation processes.

Evangelization Report, Don Slavin: Ginny Finfrock is working with the greeters. The pilgrimage to Europe, which will be led by Father Joseph, now has 12 people signed up and is being advertised in the bulletin and on the web. Dave and Jo Johnson continue to spearhead this effort, which is offered through Trafalgar Travel. Catholic readings for the summer are being recommended and advertised in the bulletin.

Worship and Liturgy Report, Deacon Buddy (for Leanne Sprenger): The Liturgy Committee will meet in two weeks. There is not much activity at the present time. An Altar Server Coordinator is needed, since Jan Barowsky will be stepping down.

Stewardship Report, Marty Hoskins: The Stewardship Committee is on hiatus for May and June. There were some fine responses to the letter sent to those who did not respond in any way to the Stewardship Renewal in November, 2008. Although the response was limited, Marty feels that the money for the second mailing was well spent. The responses that were received indicate that people are getting the message about Stewardship. Some disappointment has been expressed concerning the lack of follow-up by ministry heads after the Stewardship Fair. Marty also stated that the offertory has been up even in these hard times.

Community Report, Jason Pasioneck: There will be a Welcoming Committee meeting next week. This committee is regrouping and revamping some of its earlier programs. The Greeters ministry needs some follow-up work. Some people may still be needed for the Saturday 5:30 Mass. The other ministries under the Community umbrella are doing well. The Youth have planned a Christmas Play for the Advent Season, and it will be offered on Friday and Saturday nights and during the day on Sunday. It will be a fundraiser.

Leadership Report, Louise Lederhos: Goals are being met with respect to the website newsletter and the Stewardship Guidebook. Bob Fischer and Don Lutz are active on the Golf Tournament Committee. The team is on target with respect to the strategic plan.

Finance Council Liaison, Mike Brod: Mike reported that we are tracking the 10% tithe, but paying only 5%. Some of the members want to continue that method or reduce the tithe to 5% and some want to continue to pay out the full 10% based on faith. All are aware that the priority is to pay parish expenses and to do so on time. The Finance Council wishes to release the 5% tracked funds from FY 2008-2009 at the end of the fiscal year in June; however, the final decision is up to Father Joseph. The sale of the North Property would definitely help to resolve any financial issues. Although a refinance of the East Property has not been ruled out, it is on hold for now.

New Business:

Summer Hiatus: Louise suggested that the Pastoral Council meet bi-monthly unless a meeting is called by Father Joseph or a member. There was general agreement with this suggestion. Louise also suggested that the bi-monthly meetings be coordinated with the Joint Leadership meetings. The next Joint Leadership meeting will be held in July, and will be considered as the Pastoral Council meeting.

Youth Mass: The Youth Mass is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 27 at 5:30 p.m. Andi Weber and Father Joseph are helping liturgically and with sound issues. Life Teen ideas, though not the whole program, are being incorporated into the youth programs. The young adults will make a trip to St. Paul's, Colorado Springs on May 23, with a side trip to St. Elmo. On June 29, the Youth will co-sponsor St. Paul movie night to coordinate with the closing of the Year of St. Paul. The movie will be in the Orleans Hall, and free popcorn and soda will be offered.

Visitors at PC Meetings: It was suggested, and there was general agreement, that people from various ministries and/or major committees be asked to visit PC meetings to present and discuss their special areas.

Baptisms at Mass: There was some discussion about whether to hold Baptisms during Mass. Deacon Buddy disagreed, citing that parishioners are not really interested, and that some families prefer privacy. It was suggested that there be a middle ground, perhaps offering the parents a choice or putting the names of the newly baptized in the announcements during Mass.

Fr. Joseph closed the meeting with a prayer at approximately 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia A. McEahern, Acting Secretary