

Pastoral Council Meeting

1.8 January 2008

1. Members in attendance:

Theresa Vannier

Linda Carpp

Ken Mayfield

Nancy Frey

Alice McDonald

Raymond Brown

Tony Albano

Joe Masterson

Fr. John Cayer

Absent: Rocio Gallina, Elizabeth Santos

2. The minutes from previous meeting were reviewed with no questions and approved.

Old Business

1. Goal 1 has been put off until the church is finished.

a. A recommendation was made to have a "welcome back: article placed in the newspapers with the date of the dedication of the sanctuary. Where to advertise has not been determined.

b. There was further discussion on the newsletter. Recommendation was made to have it include a pastor's column, faith formation information provided by the deacon, and upcoming events. Discussion on the method of distribution consisted of mailing versus insertion into the bulletin. Mailing could be expensive unless the newsletter was sent out quarterly. It was recommended that the newsletter be started as a quarterly publication.

c. The bulletin has been changed to add a few items such as Why Catholics Do That.

d. A question regarding why the website did not contain more information was posed. Maintaining the website to keep it current would require someone dedicated to it and would take a great deal of time. No one is available at present to handle that task.

e. At the next meeting Fr. John will bring a newsletter from two other parishes.

2. Goal 2: the pamphlet for new members is available. The youth minister information needs to be changed.

3. Goal 3: The adult Faith Formation classes are held on Monday nights. 21 Jan is the last one for the first session. Part II is to be held during the Lenten season. The RE program provides courses at various parishes for all instructors who wish to attend. At the beginning of the school year Jane Brim sends the information on the instructors to the diocesan faith formation office. The office

sends a list of the educational classes offered to each of the instructors. Jane Brim will provide an update next week on the RE program.

4. Goal 4 no update.

5. Goal 5: no one has put forward to take on the community relations program. Bob Makowski and Patti Pickle were recommended as possible candidates for the program.

6. The Christmas Party turned out well. The music was good. There was discussion on having a meal instead of heavy hors d'oeuvres or have more variety such as hot veggies, pasta salad and green salad. An emcee would be good to get people up and dancing and keep things moving along. Expansion of the entertainment may be an improvement. Reserving tables was a good concept. The door prizes were well done.

7. The masses on Christmas Eve tended to run together due to the programs. It was recommended that the children's mass start earlier to allow for their program before mass, perhaps at four and mass at five. Parking was a problem.

New Business

1. CSA will be held 3 February.

2. Building update: the mudding has been done on the walls, needs to be sanded. The lights are in and the sound system is being put in. The wood ceiling should be in place next. The estimated completion date is the end of February. Research is being done regarding a well to provide water for the sprinkler system to be installed. The sod will be put down once the well is in.

3. Lent will be early this year. 6 February is Ash Wednesday.

4. The parish Lenten Mission will be 16-20 February at 1900 each evening.

5. The Catholic Sharing Appeal begins 3 February, with Commitment Sunday being 10 February. The notices sent out by the Diocese were incorrect.

6. New hymnals will need to be procured. OCP and the Gather hymnals were recommended to be kept. The Phase Journey books will no longer be used. Fr. John to have music ministers discuss music before the final decision is made.

7. A grand piano is being donated to the church. The pews may need to be adjusted to allow room for it.

Youth Update

1. The Pensacola – Tallahassee Diocese Youth Conference is 1-3 February. There are 29 youth attending.

Next Meeting to be held 26 February at 1900.

Theresa Vannier

Pastoral Council Secretary