

Pastoral Council Meeting

2 October 2007

1. Members in attendance:

- a. Fr. John Cayer
- b. Joe Masterson
- c. Ken Mayfield
- d. Alice McDonald
- e. Raymond Brown
- f. Elizabeth Santos
- g. Linda Carpp
- h. Rocio Gallina
- i. Theresa Vannier

Absent: Tony Albano, Nancy Frey

2. The minutes from previous meeting were reviewed with no questions. Recommended Fr. Cayer to be added to the list of attendees and indicate the absent members. Minutes were approved.

Old Business

1. Updates were provided for the parish goals.

a. Goal 1 – Tony was not available to provide an update.

b. Goal 2 – Alice reported that the welcome plan is underway. A list of personnel to call is being assembled. Newcomers will be called after they register. It was suggested that a representative be available after each mass to speak to the new members and help them with registration. Alice will address this to Kate Archer.

c. Goal 3 – Theresa briefed that Jane Brim had a meeting with the volunteers, but had not heard the outcome. Jane reported the following after the meeting: The program started on September 24. The 3 facilitators are Susan Gingras, George Leidel and Patrick Humphreys. There are 10 people attending. The text is United States Catechism for Adults. They meet on Monday night at 7PM. Religious Education classes are being conducted by the Diocese. Rocio had attended one held in Pensacola.

d. Goal 4 – Gene Calabro was scheduled to brief the committee, but was out of town.

e. Goal 5 – Tony contacted Dolores Hensley who will be providing him an update. He will get

that information out to the council when he receives it.

2. Fr. John stressed the importance of the council staying engaged with the progress of the goals. It is an important part of the council function. He requested that the individuals with assigned goals be prepared to brief the status at the next meeting.

3. Fr. John announced the assignment of Dharlene Miller Siren as the new Youth Minister. She is doing well. The youth council members stated that she has good ideas.

4. 18 December at 1900 will be the church penance service. Fr. Robert Young, a Franciscan priest will reside. Fr. John had asked Fr. Young to conduct a parish mission for us, but he was not available for that week.

5. 16-20 February 2008 will be a parish Lenten retreat conducted by Msgr. Slade Crawford. Mission retreat conductors are booked nearly a year in advance so it has been difficult to schedule a parish retreat.

New Business

1. Officers for the parish council are selected for two year terms. When an individual is selected to fill a vacancy, they hold the term to the end of the vacated position's term. Then elections are held to fill the position. A vice chairman is required and nominations were opened. Tony Albano was nominated. The council members were asked to send any other nominations to Theresa. The nominated individuals will be notified by her. Once the roster is assembled it will be referred to Fr. John and Joe Masterson.

2. Raymond Brown provided a youth group update.

a. The youth council meets once a month with the adult advisors and youth minister to plan for the coming month.

b. The youth group is sponsoring a Trunk n Treat for the parish children on 31 Oct at the church hall. Volunteers are to be solicited to bring their vehicles and decorate them. A prize will be given for the best decorated vehicle. The children will receive candy from the vehicles. There will be games, face painting, prizes for the best costume and snacks. The youth are to come up with an ad to go into the bulletin and a flyer to go home with the children to announce the Trunk n Treat. The outside lights are scheduled to be repaired and ready for use.

c. For World Food Day (16 Oct) and Make a Difference Day (27 Oct) there will be a food drive at each of the masses all month with the collection going to the Catholic Care Center. The drive is to be included in the flyer.

3. Fr. John provided an update on the church building. The side windows are in. The shingles should be finished on the roof this week. Father is not sure that we will be back in the church for Christmas. Options were discussed for the Christmas masses. The community center was used for the Christmas Eve masses last year with the Christmas Day mass at the high school. Linda will research the use of the community center to see if it is available for Christmas Eve.

4. A new memorial guide will be issued providing more items for individuals or groups to

purchase for the church. It should be out the week of the 15th. Most of the items in the first guide were purchased.

5. Fr. John to check with the Chipley Church Supply to see if they can produce the presider chairs. They produced the ones in the old church.

6. Joe Masterson is refurbishing the cabinets for the church. The refinishing is done. He has to replace the hardware to complete them.

7. A question was asked as to whether Santa would be at the Christmas party. George Liedel had not been asked so he was not scheduled for it. Alice is to ask him to insure he will be there.

8. Linda introduced the Relay For Life and wanted to know if the parish planned to participate. It is a \$100 to sign up a team which can be covered by donations. 10-15 members are required to raise \$100 per person. The youth group can assist with the collection of donations. Raymond to talk to Dharlene about supporting this event. Linda collected \$1300 on Saturday at Wal-Mart. Fr. John was asked if the church would allow participation in this type of events and he said it was alright. In the past the walk was in memory of Fr. Ryan and last year for Fr. Steve. Linda relayed that a man was needed to dress up like a woman for the midnight parade. She will see if she can get someone to do this.

9. The youth group was requested to help with the Christmas float. Dharlene will be notified so she can see if there is any interest from the youth group.

10. Rocio needs a name tag. Theresa is to ask Scott where he had them made. We will need to update the name tags to reflect Pastoral Council.

11. Deacon Ken announced the dinner for the homeless to be held 18 Nov. at 1200-1500. The turkeys and hams are to be donated. The Catholic Care Center will handle the rest of the meal. There are seven members on the committee to coordinate the dinner. Their names will be posted in the bulletin for volunteers to contact.

12. The next meeting will be 13 Nov at 1900. Fr. John is to send out the agenda by 7 Nov.

Theresa Vannier

Pastoral Council Secretary