

St Rose of Lima Catholic Church
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes- April 7, 2009

Present at the meeting:

Father Dennis O'Brien, Malu Dunn, Kate Lewis, Chris Christopher, Barbara Tucci, Vicky Schlenker, and Joe Scialdone.

The meeting began with Father Dennis leading us in prayer and song. The Gospel of Mark 16: 1-7 was read and there was a time for reflection and to respond and share.

Vicky Schlenker led the meeting and a quorum was met. The previous minutes were discussed and there were no corrections. Several corrections were made to the Parish Council list- Sarah Benoit is now in charge of Community Outreach, remove Jan Shiplett from Bible classes, and Joe Scialdone is over Outreach (B). Chris Christopher will email the corrections.

Ministry Reports:

It was discussed that all is well and there is nothing major to be discussed.

Old Business:

Welcome new council member Joe Scialdone.

Sales from the Cajun dinner were good. The funds will go to help provide food for their booth for this year. Barbara Tucci mentioned concerns that it wasn't clear what it was being done for. She didn't feel the announcements were clear.

The Pastoral Council retreat is set for sure for May 16th at The Nativity Church on Nine Mile Rd from 9am-3pm. Steve Rhodes will help Father Dennis with goal setting. Subway or something similar will be provided for lunch.

Pastor's Report:

*CSA: Goal: \$68,740.50/Pledgs \$47,926.00 This is 70% of our goal.

Under goal \$20,814.50. Donors: 160 of 870. 18% contributed.

*Sharing the vision: Goal: \$1,645,000. Pledges: \$1,335,828.01 (81%).

Donors: 313 of 870 36% contributed.

*Father discussed sending a second letter out for CSA just in case some parishioners set theirs aside to deal with later and forgot to get back to it. Barbara Tucci wondered if there is any way to assess how many new parishioners participate.

Father also wants to do another mini-drive for Sharing the Vision in early fall. After consulting with the Diocese, he was told that CSA has to be the priority for now. The next drive will strictly be parish based and have nothing to do with the Diocese. CSA's benefits are widespread throughout the Diocese.

*Outreach was discussed again. Father Dennis, Brenda Fisher, and Vicky Schlenker visited the new Family Resource center in Milton. They receive funds from the United Way along with others. It was decided that it would be most beneficial for our parish to support them in their efforts versus using Mary Lazari's house. We did receive a variance on Mary's home but will table what it will be used for at this time. On April 26th there will be a meeting after the 10:30 mass to discuss the best ways our parish can support this outreach center. It was also discussed that they help with the Spanish community by providing services even if they don't have papers to be here. It was a consensus that this will be a good service offered to our community.

*St Joseph/St Patrick dinner was discussed and even with the heavy rains everyone agreed that the food was wonderful and good fellowship was had by all who attended.

*The Stations of the Cross and fish fries are over now. We had good turnouts with great food at a great price.

*Easter Services: There will be bilingual services with powerpoint provided for some of the services. There will be 2 masses held for both the 8 and 10:30 services-one in the church, the other in the parish hall. The youth will hold live stations of the cross on Friday at 7pm.

*May Crowning: May 3rd at the 10:30 mass. Father Dennis will ask Jolie to handle this as she has done such a good job with it in the past.

*First Communion: Also May 3rd. There will be a retreat for the first communicants on May 2nd from 2:30-4:30 with confession immediately after.

*There is a young adult retreat for the same weekend of May 3rd.

*Faith Engaged: Father would really like to see big support for this event. We are celebrating 450 yrs. of Catholicism in this area. It will be held at the Catholic High School campus in Pensacola. Sarah Benoit informed us that St Rose will be in charge of the food line for a time period to help serve. Father Dennis has donated his balloon animal skills. There will be more details at our next meeting as the committee handling the event will meet again before then.

*There is a workshop on August 1st for RCIA. There will be training and a chance to volunteer. It will be held at St Sylvester's parish in Gulf Breeze. No time was known as of yet.

New Business:

*Cinco de Mayo- Malu Dunn discussed that there will be a potluck dinner in the parish hall after 5:15 mass on May 9th. This is a PARISH celebration and not just for the Spanish community. ALL are welcome and encouraged to attend. Chicken and refried beans will be provided.

*Gifts for Paul Lambert and Jeff Massey: This was discussed and a consensus was made that there would be an announcement placed in the bulletin that we will be taking a collection for anyone who would like to contribute to a parish gift to both of these men about to be ordained. Paul's ordination is on June 13th with his first mass being at our church the following day at 10:30 mass. Jeff will be ordained on the 20th at St Paul's and his first mass to celebrate will be at 10:30 on the 21st. The Ladies Society will provide a reception for both. Kate Lewis will get with Claudia on getting an announcement done for the bulletin.

*Mothers Day Flowers: Sherry Rhodes handles this.

*Fall Festival: Sarah Benoit told us there was a lot of expense from last years festival. She is doing her best to try to keep costs down for this year. A lot of reconstruction needs to be done on the grounds. She is still in planning stages and will be looking for all the help she can get. Any donations would be welcome whether of time, talent, or funds. She will be holding several fund raising events before then. She will list the chair persons for the festival in the bulletin as soon as she has it all completed. There will be no BIG rides this year but she is working on trying to get a ferris wheel and some other small rides.

*Vacation Bible School: Marianne Richardson announced we will have "Fiesta!" this year. She is really excited and says the program should be really fun for all our K-4th graders. It will be June 8-12th from 9-12am. Wants us to get fired up about it. Children do not have to be Catholic to attend.

*Parish Hall: Kate Lewis brought up the fact that Martha Skalsky and Jim Richardson spent about 6 hours last week cleaning out the freezer in the the parish hall and getting it organized with some new shelving. They mentioned that there was a lot of food that was placed without being labeled or properly stored. It was a consensus that there needs to be rules and regulations posted for the parish hall for how the hall should be left after use and how to properly store anything in the refridgerator and freezer. Kate Lewis will get with Sherry Rhodes to see if there are current guidelines on file for the Church and if not there will be new ones written and posted.

FNB: Marianne Richardson brought up that maybe our Church funds should be considered when using this bank as they received a horrible rating. This will be checked into.

Closing prayer as done by Barbara Tucci.

Next meeting is May 12th at 6pm and Malu Dunn will do the closing prayer.