

Minutes of the August 11, 2009  
Holy Name of Jesus Pastoral Council Meeting

Present: Father Dominic, pastor; Bud Temples, facilitator; Len Gadzinski, Kathy Ault, Carmen Brezna, Dave Atkinson, Mary Quinn, Kelly Humphrey, recorder. Bud Temples convened the meeting at 7 p.m. Kathy Ault presented the opening meditation. Father Dominic reported that he is very thankful that it has been a very peaceful summer at Holy Name of Jesus parish, with no major crises.

Committee Reports:

Goal #1: Ministry Awareness and Fellowship Committee. Carmen Brezna reported that the committee met on July 2. At the meeting, Martha Olson reported that the ministry leaders list and the welcome packets for new parishioners had been updated. No one has filled out any Interested in Joining the Parish cards since April. Since that time, however, there have been four new families who have registered with the parish, for a total of 10 new people.

Martha has made many follow up calls to those who had filled out the interest cards previously, with mixed results.

During the meeting, Sarah Leahy reported that she found some errors in the leadership listing for the Young Adult Ministry in the parish ministry directory. Carmen reported that the committee plans to submit a proposed new welcome card to Father Dominic and Deacon Gary for their review. She reported that the May 31 Welcome Brunch for new parishioners went very well. A total of 33 invitations were sent out, and four families attended. The committee suggests that the next brunch should be scheduled for November if enough new registrations are received. Carmen reported that Sarah Leahy is pleased with how the different ministries are utilizing the bulletin board in the administration building.

Since no one from the Publicity Committee attended the meeting, they had no report.

The committee has submitted its budget and is awaiting approval.

Goal #2: Outreach and Bereavement Consolation Committee. Bud Temples reported that Mayette Poore had submitted a written report for the Fil-Am Catholic Ministry. She is working with Deacon John Shin to attempt to duplicate his success with the Korean Catholic Community.

Father Dominic reported that he is happy with the committees progress, and that several people have already been helped by the members of the committee.

Goal #3: Building and Land Development Committee. Mary Quinn presented the committee report. Mac Blythe reported at the committee that four contractors have submitted bids to build the Father Butler Family Life Center. The deadline to submit bids is August 28. The committee has looked into the cost of digging two wells to irrigate the proposed Open Fields sports area, and has learned that the cost may be less than originally estimated. The committee is still negotiating with the city of Niceville regarding who would maintain the fields after they are built.

Bud Temples thanked Mary and her husband John for serving as the councils liaisons to the committee. The importance of their work has become even greater as the date for the groundbreaking for the life center gets closer.

Mary reported that the need for the sports fields has become more urgent with the closing of Wolverine Park in Valparaiso. Local sports groups have been leasing the Mullet Festival site from the Air Force, but the price of the lease is going

up in light of recent budget cuts. She reported that the fields would prove to be a great benefit to the entire community.

Goal #4: Adult Faith Formation. Dave Atkinson presented the committee report. He noted that the committee had met on August 8 and had reviewed several agenda items. Response to the Great Adventure Bible study series has been strong, with more than 100 people registering for one of the three time slots. The seminars facilitators will be participating in training in the near future. Bud Temples commented that the leaders of the program are very pleased with the response. The committee is looking into attempting to standardize the curriculum used by all of the parishes catechists. Deacon Jim Cox is going to meet with Deacon Gary to come up with a plan.

The committee discussed the possibility of sponsoring a one-day retreat, possibly on the parish grounds, to accommodate people who cannot commit to a long-term Bible study. Deacon Jim will meet with Father Dominic about the idea. Kathy Ault suggested that the committee consider utilizing the Miracle Camp owned by Sacred Heart Hospital, and offered to look into the cost and availability of the center. The committee is planning to provide some information to parishioners regarding the upcoming changes to the translation of certain liturgical responses. Father Dominic explained that the changes have been under review for nearly 15 years, and have already been implemented in other parts of the world. In the next few years, the American bishops will be providing training for parish priests regarding the new translations, and drafts will be submitted in order to receive feedback from church members. The new translations will be finalized over the next two to three years.

Dave reported that at their meeting, the committee voted to change its name to the Faith Formation Committee, dropping the word Adult. After some discussion among the council members, Bud Temples suggested that the subject be tabled until Deacon Gary could be consulted and the committee could be asked for clarification.

Next Meeting: Bud Temples reported that both he and Deacon Gary will be unable to attend the next council meeting scheduled for September 8, which is the day after Labor Day. He asked the council to consider cancelling the meeting since so many people travel over the holiday weekend. The council agreed that the next meeting would be on October 13. Bud asked Mary and John Quinn to present the opening and closing meditations at the next meeting.

Father Dominic reported that a parishioner has asked that the council consider inviting a Catholic theology professor from Orlando to speak at the parish.

Father Dominic reviewed the speakers topics and the cost for his appearances. After some discussion, the council agreed that Father Dominic should look into the possibility of inviting the proposed speaker or some other expert, if the parish can afford the expense.

Carmen Brezna asked if any action had been taken to replace the late Jack Strasser on the council. Bud Temples reported that Deacon Gary is considering candidates. Carmen suggested three possible names for his consideration.

Dave Atkinson presented the closing meditation, after which the meeting was adjourned.