

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

January 28, 2010

7:30 p.m. - Parish Annex

Call to Order/Roll Call

Council members present included: Anita Crowder, Jim Stiegler, Lisa Hilliker, Greg Doud, Paul Madix, Lennice Lytle, Dan DeBrosse, Chris Schell, Stefanie McKelvey, and Lorraine Hencheck. Chad Drinnen and Father Larry Tensi were also in attendance. Vicente Santamarina and Joe Stiles were excused absence.

Opening Prayer

Lorraine Hencheck offered the opening prayer.

Reading Mission Statement/Purpose

Lennice Lytle read the Mission Statement and Jim Stiegler read the Council Purpose.

Review Minutes/Commission Reports

Reviewed and accepted.

Old Business

Staff Report

Father Larry reported that he is still working on the parish budget with Patrick Leshner.

Council was reminded that Catholic Schools Week starts January 31st.

A delegation of ten students and two teachers from Mexico will be visiting the school for two weeks. It was recommended that the digital church sign have a greeting welcoming them to the parish.

The stakes are in the ground for the parish office. The undercroft work is going well and may be finished early. The work may be finished in early May instead at the end of May as originally thought.

Father reported we collected \$6,000.00 for Haiti from the parish during the Sunday free will collection.

Father Larry attended the Good Leaders Good Shepherds program. Father reported that the three day conference was a rewarding experience.

Parish Council Guidelines

Chris Schell reported on the review of the Pastoral Council by-laws.

The final draft of the by-laws presented to Parish Council included the suggestions made by Father Larry.

It was decided to break the by-laws into sections in order to review any changes.

Various points were reviewed to be sure that the by-laws meet the current needs of the parish.

There was a discussion regarding what the criteria should be to be a member of Parish Council. In the past the requirements were always understood but never put into print form. The recommendation is to put the requirements into the by-laws. A motion was made to include the written requirements which include being baptized and a Roman Catholic in good standing with the Church into the by-laws. The motion was passed with all voting in favor of it.

It was decided to look at the rest of the document starting with article 5 at the next Parish Council meeting.

Discussion of Tuition Increase

There was a great deal of discussion about the tuition increase recommended by the Parish Council.

Finance Commission felt they had put in several hours into coming up with the \$200.00 tuition increase. In the end the increase was \$300.00 based on the recommendation of Parish Council.

When the information was sent to Finance Commission by Father Larry, the understanding was that the teachers were to get to level 2 of the Archdiocesan pay scale. Parish Council wanted to get the teachers back to level 3. Had Finance Commission been told that the goal was to get to level 3 they would have had a different view of the budget and would have increased the tuition by \$300.00.

In the future there will be a written report to share with Parish Council that will give the thought process of how the tuition is determined.

Members of Parish Council were invited to come to the budget meeting if they would like to be part of the future budget process.

The Tuition Task Force document that was sent out to members was also discussed by the council -

1. The current guidelines were set 4 or 5 years ago and it is important to make sure they meet the current needs of the parish.
2. A task force would be formed to look at these guidelines to determine if the guidelines need to be revised to be valid for the future.
3. The task force would make recommendations to Education Commission and Finance Commission.

4. There would be an early determination of the guidelines so that it is completed in time for the December meeting of the Finance Commission.
5. The liaison from Parish Council will go to Education Commission to start the process.
6. It is the responsibility of Education Commission to form a task force to review the tuition guidelines.
7. The revisions must be completed by June 2010.

Paul Madix is the liaison to Education Commission and at the June meeting he will share the results with Parish Council.

New Business

Goal #7 - Vocations

It was decided to move this topic to the February meeting of Parish Council.

Commission Reports

Commission reports were sent out to Parish Council members and were reviewed and discussed at the meeting. To view these reports please access the commission minutes on the church web page.

Meeting Schedule: Our next meeting is February 25, 2010 in the Parish Annex

Please Note: Agenda items due 2 weeks before the next meeting

February Prayer: Lennice Lytle

Adjournment

Closing Prayer: Lorraine Hencheck

Respectfully submitted by Chad Drinnen