

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting  
February 25, 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, Vicente Santamarina, Joe Stiles, Dan DeBrosse, Chris Schell, Stefanie McKelvey, and Lorraine Hencheck. Chad Drinnen, Patrick Leshar, and Father Larry Tensi were also in attendance. Lennice Lytle was excused absence.

**Opening Prayer**

Chris Schell offered the opening prayer.

**Reading Mission Statement/Purpose**

Paul Madix read the Mission Statement and Dan Debrosse read the Council Purpose.

**Review Minutes/Commission Reports**

Reviewed and accepted.

**Old Business**

**Staff Report**

Father reported that the parish staff has met with the designers to discuss the materials for the parish office.

A nurse in the parish would like to volunteer to be a parish nurse. Several parishes in the area have programs that offer help to the parish with an emphasis on assisting the elderly.

The Parish Mission will be March 7 – 10.

**Campaign Update - Patrick**

Patrick Leshar reported that the work on the undercroft is coming along well. A member of the parish is putting together a progress report of the area with pictures to send out to the parishioners. The project should be finished early.

The plans for the parish office are being sent to Loveland City Hall and should be finished with the zoning department by mid March. The ground breaking should be around early to mid April and it will take 8 to 12 months to complete the parish office.

The parish office will have a connector to the church and a covered walkway that will also connect to the school.

Contributions for the campaign are going well. One time gifts are going well and very few pledges are behind the pledged amount.

In September, if the economy continues to improve, there will be a new push for the campaign.

### **Parish Council Guidelines**

Under Article Five of the guidelines the following was discussed:

It was recommended that January may not be a good month for setting goals for the council because the following month new members are coming in and the fiscal year starts in the fall. Given that some of the goals could relate to the budget for the year, it was decided to move this meeting to the month of July.

A recommendation was made to have a calendar for the year to review the major goals of the council. It would show when things need to be reviewed during the year for key repeating events such as budget, elections, etc.

There was a recommendation to change the wording related to the orientation meeting for new members from “February” to the “month following the election.” After discussing the idea, it was decided to leave the wording as “February.”

It was decided to change the number of meetings to “a minimum of 10 out of the 12 months” and not to list the specific months.

Under Article Six of the guidelines the following was discussed:

A recommendation was made that would allow liaisons to the different commissions to change during the year. This would allow council members to rotate so that they could know about what is going on in the different commissions. The concern is that the commissions would have to keep updating the rotating new members coming in to their group. If the liaisons were partnered with another member of council, the partner could be updated on a regular basis in order to sub in for each other and to take over for each other during their time on council.

It was pointed out that the “gifts” of the person also need to be considered for the various commissions that they are on during their time in office. Once their “gift” is determined, the member will be asked by the pastor if they accept the appointed liaison position. Members of council need to understand that this is one of the responsibilities of being a member of Parish Council.

Under Article Seven of the guidelines the following was discussed:

It was decided to add the wording "reports" to the line of committee and commission for the order of the meeting under line six. The line will now read, "committee and commission reports review/clarifications."

Joe and Chris will send the corrected by-laws to Father Larry for his final approval. They will then be sent to all of the council members. Father Larry suggested that all members read over the guidelines and all of the council members will sign it at the July meeting.

### **Goal #7 - Vocations**

Dan DeBrosse reported on the meeting that took place with Sister Ellen Doyle and the Vocation/Faith Formation Committee.

The Vocation Committee focuses on religious vocations, and Faith Formation focuses on youth, family and other adult vocations.

At the meeting it was discussed that some of the ideas were how goal #7 is related to stewardship and the best way for members of the parish to share their gifts with others. It was determined that if you are sharing your gifts, you are answering your vocation in life. This idea ties well with the concept of stewardship.

It is important to have more growth in educating the parish on vocations. There is a need to have a comprehensive vocation plan to educate the parish. The Stewardship Commission is not prepared to educate the parish on vocations. This commission is still working on educating the parish on the broader topic of stewardship.

There was a recommendation to look and see how it is working to have the two separate groups we have now working on vocations, or do we need an entirely new group that brings all of the types of vocations together. The goal is to have an increased awareness of the meaning of vocation. Is there a need for new people to come in to head this group and align themselves to the new vision of this group?

Father Larry will put together a task force to set the goals for this comprehensive vocations group. In the meantime the current groups will continue while the new plan is being put into action. Once Father has put together the ad hoc committee on vocations, it will be determined if this goal is completed.

## **New Business**

### **Do we need to communicate more about building, campaign?**

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

## **Parish Council Elections**

Father Larry will send the names of the candidates to Lisa. She will distribute the names to the members of Parish Council in order to contact them and see if they are willing to run for council.

The candidates need to send in a short bio and picture for the election, and these will be in the March 14<sup>th</sup> bulletin. The bios will also be on the doors of the living room when the parishioners go in to vote. The bios need to be turned in by March 8<sup>th</sup>.

The date of the election will be March 21<sup>st</sup>. There are three council positions that are open for the election.

It was recommended not to put the ballots in the pews, and to put the voting boxes on tables in the gathering place. In the pews would only be a small paper with the bios of the candidates. This would eliminate the parishioners just giving the ballots to the ushers or handing them to someone else as they walk out of church.

## **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 March 25, 2010 in the Parish Annex

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

**March Prayer: Lennice Lytle**

**Adjournment**

**Closing Prayer: Chris Schell**

Respectfully submitted by Chad Drinnen