

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 26, 2005**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Council members present included: Kathy Abele, James Bauer, Chuck Gibson, Lisa Hilliker, Rick Morman, Linda Pfeffer, Ralph Quisno, John Robinson, Chris Schell and Fr. Larry Tensi. Treva Bedel, Kris Kramer and Chad Drinnen were absent and excused.

- OPENING PRAYER

Lisa Hilliker offered the opening prayer.

- READ MISSION AND PURPOSE

The mission statement was read by Linda Pfeffer and the purpose was read by Chuck Gibson.

- REVIEW MINUTES

The minutes were reviewed and changes were made.

- CORRESPONDENCE

There were no correspondences this time.

- STAFF REPORT

The staff report was distributed by Fr. Larry. It included:

1. The Core Committee is discussing ways to invite parishioners to share their hopes and dreams for St. Columban and the committee will be interviewing three different agencies to help with the process.
2. The Principal Interviewing Committee made its nomination of Jo Rhoten as the new principal and she accepted it. She has accepted the position. A new committee will be formed for the selection of an assistant principal.
3. The Business Managers Interviewing Committee met and reviewed nine resumes for the position. The interviews will begin in early June with the hope of having the position filled by the end of June.
4. The School Task Funding Force had its first meeting. Its eleven members will consider ways to keep our school financially solvent while providing a quality education and not increase demand on Sunday giving. They hope to have recommendations by the end of October.
5. This summer our parish is sending seven youth to the Laudate program. It is a workshop presented by the Music Committee. Laudate is a 4-day, 3-night summer

intensive experience for youth involved or seeking to be involved as music ministers in Catholic parishes or campus ministries.

6. The St. Columban Knights of Columbus is official. The Charter was signed on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 with 36 men as members.
7. Each member of the parish staff will be meeting with the pastor over the next few weeks to assess their "self evaluation." They will reflect on new ideas, strengths, areas of needed growth, contributions and how teamwork and communication can be improved.
8. There was a lot of positive feedback from Confirmation and First Communions.
9. Fr. Larry wanted a parish council member as part of the Core Committee. Chris Schell and Linda Pfeffer agreed to be co-members.

- COMMISSION LIAISON REPORT

EDUCATION

Kathy Abele reported that they discussed trying to divide Education and Faith Formation and how many members each should have. They would like a parish council member to serve on each.

Edline was started for grades 6 and 7 only for the remainder of this school year with the hope of including grades 4-8 for next year.

Ralph Quisno asked how the computer tasks were divided and if an additional person was needed to cover the workload. Kathy will bring this up at the next meeting.

Surveys were discussed and they decided to use them for other grades besides just 8th grade to gain additional feedback.

FINANCE

Ralph Quisno reported that their meeting would be held in the next few weeks and that they are working on the budget. They have budgeted for an 8% increase in contributions this year. We are on budget to make \$225,400 payment on the principal this year. He also commented that April collections were up 20% from last year.

WORSHIP

Rick Morman gave the report for Chad Drinnen. They discussed what Donna Fischer had done with the servers to review all the details of their jobs. It was recommended that a 7th or 8th grader be trained as a head server. It was asked if 5th graders could meet, train and review four times a year. They will review how the servers are doing again in August.

Other suggestions that were made included adding a 10th cup and having the choir go last to receive communion. Mark Holly created a new sign up sheet that can also be used to keep statistics. New Business included celebrating the Sacrament of the Sick, Baptismal Schedules, and reviewing Holy Week and Easter season and it was decided to discuss these topics at their next meeting. It was decided to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication on the actual date which is August 25. Also, the ambo will be getting a new microphone.

OUTREACH/JUST FAITH

The mission statement of Outreach was read by Chris Schell. She also reported that Leslie Groh Caulfield and Beth Judd were working on the new brochure for Outreach that that would include the mission, goals and all ministries available to get involved in. It would be added to the new parishioner packet and handed out at the ministry fair. Beth Judd and Eileen Schwartz are the coordinators and are proposing that quarterly envelopes be added to the envelope box since school pizza lunches are it's main source of income. Lisa Hilliker asked if Outreach has a budget. It does have its own budget that is handled by Dee Angel.

JustFaith will work on its calendar in June. We talked about TACKLE, an Urban plunge for the youth of the Archdiocese, in which they are immersed in Catholic Social teaching. Leslie Caulfield is part of the staff for this and we are sending Claire Ping as a participant. There was a discussion of how to welcome her back and help her process by making her experience known to the community.

DEVELOPMENT

John Robinson reported that they met in April. The Debt Reduction Raffle will kick off on October 15, 2005. \$30,000 has been collected from the debt reduction envelopes. The Grand Affair made \$48,000 this year and \$35,000 was added by the Limited Raffle. A parish picnic hosted by the parish staff will be held September 25, 2005 at Miami Riverview Park from 2-7pm.

- NEW BUSINESS

Ralph Quisno was elected as the new chairman and Chris Schell was elected as vice-chairman. Fr. Larry thanked John Robinson for three great years as chairman. Other Commission Liaison members are:

Finance-Ralph Quisno
Worship-Chad Drinnen
Education-Kathy Abele
Faith Formation-Lisa Hilliker
Outreach-Chris Schell and Chuck Gibson

Kathy Abele suggested that each liaison person have a brief one-page report ready for each parish council meeting and send it out with the agenda to save time discussing everything at the actual meeting.

- NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2005. Chuck Gibson will give the opening and closing prayers.

Closing prayer was read by Lisa Hilliker.

- ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Patty Weaver