

MINUTES
Parish Pastoral Council
May 24, 2012

Current Issues:

1. Together in Faith II

Cluster Letter to send to the Archdiocese was reviewed and accepted. A copy of the letter is to be inserted in the bulletin.

2. Changing Lives Together Initiative (CLT)

There were approximately 25 Leaders present at the May 22, 2012 meeting with our consultant, Mike Miles. The program was explained. The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 6, 2012.

Fr. Leo reiterated that it is very important to remain positive about this program. Many parishes of the Archdiocese are struggling and this will help them greatly. Every parish will benefit.

Ed Nuttmann commented that there is some confusion regarding CLT and CSA. Some think that if we do not reach the goal of \$300,000 that we will have to make it up from our Sunday Collection, like we do if we do not meet our CSA goal. This is not the case. It is very early in the CLT process. Information and Education of our parishioners is important.

Joe Taglioli requested approval of displaying a poster in the vestibule with a birthday cake and eighty candles on it asking for volunteers to help with the CLT initiative. The request was approved. He will create the poster and write an article for the bulletin.

New Issues:

1. Vocations Committee

A Vocations Committee needs to be developed. There will be an article in the bulletin asking for anyone interested in this area. There is a Vocations Convocation at Sacred Heart Major Seminary on Saturday, September 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

2. Youth Ministry

Tim Herbert has enthusiastically agreed to become our new Youth Minister. He is semi-retired and has many ideas for a dynamic program. He has family in the area who are willing to get involved also. Maria Langlois and Joe Hedden are also willing to support the program.

Some ideas include field trips, getting youth involved in the parish and working on speech, communication and confidence skills. Youth need help to "Be in Society, but on a Christian Path."

3. Toledo Mud Hens

The outing scheduled for April by Marriage Ministry had to be postponed due to not enough tickets being sold. The bus company, Conquest Transportation, has agreed to transfer the \$600 payment already made to a future date. If we outright cancel, we would lose a \$200 deposit. It was thought that more people would be interested in attending if it was in the summer months.

Marriage Ministry cannot coordinate the event in the summer. The Mud Hen schedule will be consulted and a new date will be determined.

4. AV Screen for Church

Joe Taglioli will research what is needed and the cost for a screen to be installed in the front of church, mounted in or to the ceiling. Joe Hedden volunteered to be a part of that project as he has experience in this area.

5. Year of Faith Survey

A tri-fold survey has been developed to identify areas of interest in Adult Faith Formation.

Also on the survey is pre-registration for Religious Ed for children, RCIA and Youth Ministry.

Joe Taglioli requested a spot for volunteers to be on the survey. Fr. Leo will integrate his idea. The survey will be in the pews two different weeks this summer and in the bulletin two weeks.

Reports:

1. Timeliness of Reports

Joe Taglioli discussed the problem we experience every month of not receiving reports from the various Commissions/Committees in a timely fashion. The secretary or chairperson of the group is to email the Minutes of the meeting by the Monday following their meeting. With new people handling some Commissions/Committees this has been a problem. We are going to endeavor to do better. Better communication is an ongoing goal of the Council.

2. Parish Financial Council

Checking Balance: 5,635.62 LDP (Savings) Balance: 68,101.70
All Fiscal Year 2011/2012 are paid in full

3. Religious Education

Children's Church will begin on June 3rd. There is a Corpus Christi celebration planned. All First Holy Communion families will be especially invited by a letter from Bernadine Shook. Confirmation will be on Saturday, May 26, 2012 with Bishop Byrnes. Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 9-12, 2012.

4. Adult Faith Formation

The Church Crawl was fantastic. The focus of upcoming events and activities which will strengthen Adult Faith and coincide with the theme for 2013 which is the Year of Faith.

5. Parish Life and Outreach

Bundle Sunday will be the weekend of June 9/10, 2012. The St. Vincent de Paul fiscal year runs from October 1st to September 30th. As of the week ending May 18th, we have assisted 415 people with food cards, gas cards, SVDP vouchers for clothing, furniture and DTE and rent assistance. The Right to Life Focus on Life 2012 Benefit Dinner is Thursday, October 4th at Crystal Gardens. The special guest speaker is Bobby Schindler, the brother of Terri Schiavo. A Butterfly Garden is in the works. Denise Walters is spearheading the planting. Completion is scheduled for mid July.

6. Worship Commission

Prayer Services will be held while Fr. Leo is on vacation June 12/13, & 19/20, 2012. On June 16/17 Fr. Leo will be away and Fr. Tinkatumire, our visiting Missionary this year, will do the masses. Please make him welcome. There will be Mass at 10:00 a.m. under the willow tree on Wednesday, July 4, 2012. The next Worship Commission meeting is Tuesday, August 14th.

7. Marriage Ministry

Possible Goals for next year: Need of more volunteers in Ministry; Continue programs offered this year; and Add enrichment evening for newly married couples.

8. Evangelization Committee

Fellowship Weekend for New Parishioners is June 2/3, 2012. Phone calls will be made to invite newer parishioners and a Welcome Poster will be on display in the vestibule;

9. Ladies Guild

They supplied the pizza for the First Communion Retreat. The Blood Drive on May 20, 2012 was good, 29 pints collected, but our goal was not reached. There were not as many walk-ins after mass as usual. They will sponsor cake for Fr. Leo's 80th birthday on the weekend of July 14/15.

Respectfully Submitted by Debbie Schrandt