

COMMUNITY OF EPIPHANY
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2010

Members Present: Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Sr. Mary Govern, Amy Shoemaker, Carol Harris, Sharon Bidwell, Tricia Burke, Michael Cuyjet, Kate Rueve, Rosemary Smith, Laurie Atwell, Dee Dee Baur, Shari Baxter, Katie Belt, Hub Daugherty, Jan Dostal, Patrick Evans, Jo Anne Feldman, Reece Johns, Anne Ramsey, Lisa Scherer

Alternates: Connie Fowler

ROUTINE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Approval of Minutes: The December 5, 2009 minutes were reviewed, and approved as submitted with consensus.

Letters of Appreciation: Letters of Appreciation were requested for:

- 1) Mary Schelling for furnishing the magnolia leaves for Feast of Epiphany. Anne Ramsey will write this letter.
- 2) Anna Hundley and Lu Stack for coordinating the Feast of Epiphany. Kate Rueve will write these letters.

COMMUNITY FORUM: Parishioners offer comments and suggestions. **PPC members listen, but do not comment.**

There were no speakers at this meeting.

Census Committee Survey Update - Carol Harris

Volunteers have been helping the Stewardship committee in making calls to parishioners to confirm or update family data. Twenty-six people have each called at least 25 families. The goal was to try to reach all households, making up to three attempts for each household.

The results:

1) Contacts made with no data changes	96
2) Contacts made with data changes	213
3) No contact made (phone disconnected, wrong number, etc.)	126
4) No longer members	25
5) Contacts indicating pastoral follow-up needed	20
6) Contacts with stewardship follow-up needed	19
7) Contacts to follow-up on stewardship packet returned	12

We also took the opportunity to gather information on how our members receive information about Epiphany. Of those responding, 148 said the bulletin, 69 said the e-mail, 68 said announcements at Mass, 51 through U.S. mail, 30 through the web site, 12 through telephone communication, and 9 through other means such as Epigram, newsletters, family, or friends.

Three volunteers will be helping Bobbe Moutray to enter the data next week. Follow-up letters will be sent to those members we could not contact.

Final Details for the Working Retreat - Sr. Mary

The Working Retreat with PPC Members and Parish Staff is scheduled to take place at the Light House from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 30, 2010. The topic is continuation of the discussion of values we cherish most at Epiphany. Betty Deerwester will facilitate the meeting.

The weather for Saturday is questionable; however, the forecast is for some snow with possibility of ice. If this retreat is canceled due to bad weather, the staff will be invited to join PPC at our February meeting.

Pastoral Associate's Comments - Sr. Mary Gower

There is a Newcomers Brunch this Sunday at Epiphany House between 10:30 and 11:30. PPC members are encouraged to attend, as this is a good opportunity for the newcomers to hear firsthand about the various committees. We have just finished the DVD in Spanish so we will be able to distribute one to the Hispanic community and also get one out to those who have already registered with the parish.

Pastor's Comments - Fr. Jeff Nicolas

- 1) It was discovered this afternoon that there is an error in some of the notification letters sent to parishioners confirming their donations for 2009. This has been corrected and new letters are currently being sent out.
- 2) Archbishop Kurtz has sent a letter to all parishes clarifying the status of Fr. Lawman Chibundi within the Roman Catholic Church. The Archbishop advised that Fr. Chibundi, at his request, was granted a leave of absence from the priesthood shortly after Christmas 2008. Since Fr. Chibundi has separated himself from the Church by forming a schismatic church, he has, in effect, excommunicated himself. While respecting Fr. Chibundi's dignity, it is important to understand that active participation in any Mass celebrated by Fr. Chibundi will jeopardize a Catholic's good standing with the Church. This letter is printed in its entirety in the January 28, 2010 Record.
- 3) The Capital Campaign leadership continues to grow. Fr. Jeff intentionally is trying to include people from the PPC leadership body. He is enjoying the meetings with the campaign; all is on schedule and moving along well. Fr. Jeff will be able to announce the leadership team in February.
- 4) The PPC has given its ideas of improvements to be included in our proposal to connect the Community Center and the Worship Center. Martha Stuber is leading the Building Committee and is seeking input on these ideas. Fr. Jeff submitted a list of nine items of proposed improvements to our gathering area and requested each PPC member to prioritize the items should we be unable to implement them all.

Youth Report - Katie Belt and Reece Johns

- 1) There is a ski trip scheduled for Valentine weekend. Almost 60 youth and parents are attending.
- 2) The group will be watching the movie "The DaVinci Code" on Sunday; next month they will be watching "Angels and Demons."
- 3) There is a retreat at St. Meinrad this weekend which will be conducted by Adam Carrico.
- 4) The Youth have studied Judaism, attended services at the Temple, and were given a tour by the Rabbi.
- 5) Last Sunday there was a talk on the topic of chastity.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Administration: Laurie Atwell presented the Financial Report for the six month period ending December, 2009. We are currently in the black by \$110,033. This is partially due to vacancy in staff for part of the year, and also due to a salary freeze. Administration expenses are also below budget. There is an increase in revenue of \$24,000 over budget for the year; expenses are \$56,000 under budget.

Community Care: Dare to Care has nominated Epiphany for a national "Saving America" award as Volunteer Service Group of the Year. The Award will be presented to the winner in Austin, Texas between April 7th and 10th.

Formation: Nothing additional

Parish Life: Nothing additional.

Social Responsibility: There is an error in the minutes under Undoing Racism. It should read "planning has begun with the Catholic Enrichment Center at St. Martin de Porres", not St. Martin of Tours. The Jim Flynn Peacemaker Award will be given to Helen Deines. A celebration dinner will be held on February 20th. At the end of February, six people from Epiphany will be traveling to Guatemala to start building Mattingly Dental. There is also a group traveling to Honduras to continue the water purification project, as well as the paper jewelry-making project that will allow them to earn a living. Here at home, the Bentley House is finally finished.

Stewardship: Nothing additional

Worship: Nothing additional

Youth: Nothing additional

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy New, recording secretary