

COMMUNITY OF EPIPHANY
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2010

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

Alternates: Connie Fowler

Guests: Adam Carrico, Joan Coleman

ROUTINE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Welcome to Guests: Chuck Sgro welcomed guest, Adam Carrico and Joan Coleman.

Approval of Minutes: The April 22, 2010 minutes were approved as submitted with consensus.

Letters of Appreciation: Letters of Appreciation were requested for:

Pete Telles and Pat Webb for helping Sr. Lorraine transfer old library videos onto DVDs. Rosemary Smith will write these letters.

Debbie & Frank Comer who donated and smoked the pork for the Family Luau; Kim Grau who helped plan, organize, and decorate for the event. Hub Daugherty 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.

2010-2011 PPC Election Results - Amy Shoemaker

Chuck Sgro, Greg Tichenor and Connie Fowler were elected to Parish Pastoral Council for the July 1, 2010-2012 term. Dee Dee Baur will be the Appointed Member, and Tony Raley and Kermit Scarlott will be the Alternates for 2010 -2011.

Capital Campaign Update - Tricia Burke & Anne Ramsey

The Capital Campaign is moving forward full force. There have been commitment cards turned in by 3% of the parish totaling over \$500,000. There have been five Advance Commitment Meetings held; two at the home of Neil and Anne Ramsey, one at the home of Bob and Diane Cook, and two in the Community Center. Archbishop Kurtz attended the most recent meeting. The Pace Setters have been meeting, the Advance Commitment team has been busy; and the Prayer Team has done a wonderful job with the prayer reflections blog, online prayer requests, phone requests, and cards. There has been a great reception for the video. Pat Evans continues to steer the ship, and there is still a lot of activity among all the teams. Everyone is energized by the connectedness and some healing is taking place as a result of all the activity and interaction.

The Prayer Team, working with the youth, have created prayer beads for the home bound parishioners, who also wish to pray for the success of the Capital Campaign. The beads came from Honduras. These will be blessed at this weekend's liturgy.

Shari Baxter gave an update on the Birthday/Capital Campaign Celebration, which will kick off at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, June 6th, with lunch being served to 400-500 people. The Youth Praise Band will give its first public performance. Various youth activities have been planned, such as treasure hunts, building compasses to direct parishioners to various venues, etc. The Hispanic community will be dancing for us. The pie and cake competition is going smoothly. Anna Hundley has spent

a great deal of time searching the archives and has located photos of the major building events that have taken place at Epiphany over the years. These will be displayed in the Community Center.

Review and Approve 2010-2011 Operating Budget - Laurie Atwell

A balanced budget for fiscal year July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 is submitted for discussion and approval. The first item is the proposed Stewardship income of \$1,300,000. This is estimated by using the year-to-date receipts and projecting them out for a twelve-month period. In the past, a small increase would be projected; however, due to the Capital Campaign that is taking place this year, no increase is projected. Other items of income are included to arrive at an overall projected income for the year of \$1,306,738.

Under expenses, staff salaries and employee benefits represent approximately 56% of the budget. This year the budget reflects a 3% increase for salaries. In prior years, the increase was 2%; however, no salary increases were given last year due to the Archdiocese directive to freeze salaries. Included in Employee Benefits are payroll taxes, pension, health insurance, continuing education, and auto allowance. Payroll taxes and pension benefits are a percentage of salary and increase accordingly. Continuing Education was reduced drastically last year, but has been budgeted this year for \$650 per staff member, the same as in previous years. Individual Committee budgets were reviewed and discussed, as well as Administration expenses, which includes utilities, building and grounds maintenance, household and office expenses, insurance, and other general expenses. The total expense budget is \$1,270,738 with an additional \$36,000 transfer to the Capital Reserve for major expenses that come up during the year.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the budget as submitted. This was approved with consensus.

What if we just said, "Wait" - Fr. Jeff

Offering an opportunity for parishioners to participate in signing the petition was a successful demonstration for the growing ability to use modern technology. Now our energies must shift to the implementation of the new Missal and make sure we do it well. We must remember that we are good at liturgies and if anyone will do it well, Epiphany will.

There is a very detailed and organized program for training and implementation that has been sent out. Implementation is a massive undertaking. The Church will be using the next year and a half to prepare for this. We must be patient as we are learning how to do this. The leadership of the Archdiocese is thick into the training. Fr. Jeff and Linda Thieneman are discussing means for communicating this to the parish at large.

PPC wants to thank Fr. Jeff and Linda Thieneman for the transparency with this issue. It is good to know we are keeping all of our parishioners involved and up-to-date with changes as they come to us. Fr. Jeff thanks the Worship Committee for bringing this to everyone's attention.

Pastoral Associate's Comments - Sr. Mary Gower

Betty Conniff and Barbara Herzog are going to Trackside one Monday a month to present Bible teachings to the children of the backside workers.

Therese Brennan is joining an Archdiocesan Hispanic Advisory Board.

The PPC September Retreat will be held the weekend of September 17, 18, and 19 at Nazareth Retreat Center in Bardstown. Please reserve the date. It is a priority for all of us. The retreat will begin at 7:00 p.m. Friday evening the 17th, and end at noon on Sunday, the 19th. We value the prayerful opportunities and will have a facilitator for this Retreat

Pastor's Comments - Fr. Jeff

Fr. Jeff has the general sense that things are going well. In the Campaign, so much more has been accomplished than simply raising money. There is a positive force freeing up energies that we are making good use of. Two different pastoral conversations have started as a result. One is with parishioners who either are homosexuals themselves, or have relatives who are homosexual. They are beginning to have very good, healthy pastoral conversations. The other is discussing Women's place in the Church. Fr. Jeff does not think either of these conversations would be taking place without the fruit and benefit of the rhythm the parish is stepping into now.

Youth Report

The Youth Group has had their final meeting for the year concluding with the Senior Send Off. There is a group of approximately 40 participants who will be going to Appalachia the week of June 20th through 27th. Katie Belt and Kevin Brandt have applied to attend the Christian Leadership Institute. Both Katie Belt and Reece Johns have indicated their desire to be on the Parish Council again next year.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Administration: Nothing additional.

Community Care: Nothing additional.

Formation: Nothing additional.

Parish Life: .For the Birthday Celebration, Fr. Jeff is being asked to make an announcement at all liturgies for those parishioners who were at the very first liturgy 39 years ago to stand and be recognized.

Social Responsibility: The Hunger Walk will take place September 19th instead of September 10th as indicated in the minutes. This year's Habitat for Humanity "Raise the Roof" build will take place September 17th, 18th, and 19th.

Stewardship: Nothing additional.

Worship: Nothing additional.

Youth: Nothing additional.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy New, recording secretary