

COMMUNITY OF EPIPHANY
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2009

Members Present: Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Sr. Mary Gowern, Chuck Sgro, 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, Edd Johannemann, Reece Johns, Anne Ramsey, Lisa Scherer

ROUTINE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Approval of Minutes: The September 24, 2009 minutes were approved with consensus, as submitted.

Letters of Appreciation: Letters of Appreciation were requested for:

- 1) Paul Funke and Bob & Jane Burke for the Stewardship pancake breakfast.
- 2) Lucio Caruso for facilitating the Parish Mission. Lisa Scherer will write these letters.
- 3) We celebrate with the Environmental Concerns Committee the great success of its Computer Recycling Drive held September 26 and 27.

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

There were no speakers at this meeting.

Parish Census Committee Update - Carol Harris

The Census Committee very much appreciates the approval from PPC for the committee to move forward; however, they have met with the Stewardship Committee twice and, at this time, would rather direct their time and energy to helping that Committee. Stewardship reports that they normally receive only about 30% return from the Time, Talent, and Treasure packets that are distributed to the community. Following Stewardship weekends, and after the Stewardship Committee has mailed packets to those parishioners who did not pick them up, the Census Committee will form a Phone Committee to help with follow-up calls to those who have not responded. There will be a meeting on November 17th to provide a list for the follow-up calls. These calls will probably take place in December or January. There are seven people on the Census Committee who will each try to get an additional ten people for the Phone Committee. The Census Committee will be doing follow-up on the family demographic information only, but will remind members to return their Time, Talent, and Treasure packet. There will be a carefully drafted outline to be followed so as to protect everyone's privacy.

Next year, when Stewardship begins their campaign, the Census Committee will work with them obtaining census demographic data. The process has not been fine-tuned as yet; however, the desire is to prevent sending too many forms for the parishioners to complete.

As Fr. Jeff stated, Time, Talent, and Treasure is a year-long process. Census data is a snapshot and is time sensitive. When put together, we will have a great picture of who we are.

Pastoral Associate's Comments - Sr. Mary

Sr. Mary had no formal staff report; however, this is not to indicate the staff is not busy, just that they did not have a specific item or project requiring attention of the PPC at this particular time.

Sr. Mary would like to encourage everyone, when they come in for Liturgy, please stand and view the wall hanging in the Gathering Area of the PPC members. Several people are to be commended for their work in putting this together.

Capital Campaign Update and Recommendation - Fr. Jeff

We are currently on two different task tracks.

1) Identifying and approaching members for leadership of the Campaign. Epiphany is a very talented parish. There are approximately 40 parishioners that Fr. Jeff is approaching for leadership. He has composed a separate letter for each person he wishes to approach indicating the position he is asking them to accept, what the job entails, and the scheduled meeting dates. The goal is to develop a group of people believed to be positive and who will be proactive in the leadership of the Campaign.

2) Take the Case and flesh it out more. Helping with this task is architect, Lee Greenamyre. He is a parishioner who approached Fr. Jeff with his desire to help. He will review our thoughts from an architect's perspective and advise on what we might do. Martha Stuber is also helping quarterback this process.

Youth Report - Katie Belt and Reece Johns

There was a Youth Council meeting on Sunday. Every month there will be one weekend devoted to world religion. The next week a member of the Youth Group will bring someone from the local community, such as a District Council person, or some other dignitary to speak to the group. There will be a monthly movie night, and a regional Youth Mass.

Two weekends ago, the Youth had a very successful lock-in retreat. This was held on a 500-acre farm belonging to the parents of Chris Luken's wife. This year's Youth Group is really great; they have all become a family.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

Administration: Patrick Evans would like to remind everyone of the grounds clean-up on November 21, and would like as many people as possible to come help. There will be coffee and donuts at 8:30. Jo Anne Feldman reported that several confirmation students had called to inquire about service projects with which they might help. Pat will relay this to Chris Luken.

Laurie Atwell provided a brief update on the year-to-date financial. Year to date we are \$26,000 ahead of last year and approximately \$16,000 ahead of the budgeted numbers. We are in the black by \$48,000, much of which is due to salaries and employee benefits

that are about \$20,000 under budget. There was no Parish Nurse for a portion of the year, and all staff salaries were frozen.

Community Care: The Healing Blanket Ministry will have a prayer service at 7:00 p.m. on November 11th in celebration of the creation of 10,000 blankets. There is now a Healing Blanket Ministry in almost every parish in Region 7 that has grown out of the Healing Blanket Ministry at Epiphany.

Formation: Nothing additional

Parish Life: Nothing additional.

Social Responsibility: Nothing additional

Stewardship: Nothing additional

Worship: There is the allusion of considerable difference between the Presider's chair and the Acolyte chair. While the chairs are very close in size, the Acolyte chair does not have arms and the back is much shorter. There were two of these chairs made that will be used for weddings and other purposes. George Fackler is making another Acolyte chair which will be more proportionate in size with the Presider's chair.

Youth: Nothing additional

Chuck Sgro suggested that everyone try to take advantage of the opportunity to attend the Newcomers Brunch and listen to the heartwarming stories of why these newcomers decided to join Epiphany. The next Newcomers Brunch will be held in January.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy New, recording secretary