

**COMMUNITY OF EPIPHANY**  
Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2009

**Members Present:** Fr. Jeff Nicolas, Sr. Mary Govern, Chuck Sgro, Amy Shoemaker, Carol Harris, Sharon Bidwell, 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

**Alternates:** Connie Fowler

**Guests:** Suzanne Mosley

**ROUTINE COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

**Welcome to Guests:** Chuck Sgro welcomed guest, Suzanne Mosley.

**Approval of Minutes:** The November 5, 2009 minutes were reviewed, corrected, and approved with consensus.

**Letters of Appreciation:** Letters of Appreciation were requested for:

- 1) Karen Vogel and Melanie McDonald for planning and coordinating the Prayer Service for the Healing Blanket Celebration. Lisa Scherer will write this letter
- 2) Pamela Lynch, former Parish Nurse, who developed the Healing Blanket Ministry; Ina Lamothe, who made the first healing blanket; and Fr. Bill Griner, who received the first healing blanket and supported its ministry. Hub Daugherty will write these letters.
- 3) Pat Evans, Bob Overberg, Martha Stuber, and Ray Hilbert for their hard work in coordinating and participating in the grounds cleanup. Laurie Atwell will write these letters.
- 4) Chris Luken's in-laws, Mitch and Ginny Netter, for the use of their farm for the Youth Council and Senior High Group retreats this fall. Sharon Bidwell will write these letters.
- 5) Jon Wickens for his work with Church of Epiphany, St. Vincent De Paul's Chapter with assistance from Habitat for Humanity on the total renovation of the Bentley House. Lisa Scherer 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.

**Update on Leadership and Time Table for our Capital Campaign - Fr. Jeff Nicolas**

The Leadership Team for the Capital Campaign is:

Pat Evans has agreed to be the Administrator

Tricia Burke has agreed to be a Co-Chair

Anne and Neil Ramsey have each agreed to be a Co-Chairs

Lisa Scherer will be on the Pacesetter Team

Marlene Miller will be the Volunteer Resource Person

Several meeting dates have been scheduled; the next one will be December 16th.

Beginning with this weekend, Fr. Jeff will share with the whole parish that the Parish Council is unanimous in its endorsement to connect the Worship Center and Community Center. He will also report on the Leadership Team for the Capital Campaign.

### **Pastoral Associate's Comments - Sr. Mary**

- 1) Chris Luken attended the National Catholic Youth Council held in Kansas City on November 19th through 22nd. Four seniors from Epiphany accompanied him. All together 21,000 youth participated in four days of listening to speakers and musicians.
- 2) Therese Brennan gave a workshop last week in Indianapolis on Reconciliation.
- 3) Another parish in Louisville is participating in our Engaged Encounters small groups so as to be trained to return to their parish as leaders.
- 4) Sr. Lorraine presented a workshop in Lexington on Human Trafficking. She was also a panelist at the Festival of Faith in early November on the topic of water purification.

### **Youth Report - Katie Belt and Reece Johns**

There is not a lot of activity at this time of the year; however, the youth group have shared ideas about the Capital Campaign and how they might get involved. There is a Christmas Party planned and they will be participating in Christmas Caroling.

### **Deeper Values: Linda Thieneman - What aspects of Epiphany and our worship have been especially meaningful for you?**

Continuing a conversation that began with the Worship Committee, the PPC members have shared their thoughts on what they value most about Epiphany and our worship.

Making everyone feel welcome as they come to worship, or join various groups and committees.

An overwhelming value shared by all is our music at Liturgy and the full participation in the Mass by, not only those who share in the coordination and preparation, but by the entire assembly. How we sing.

Our beautiful worship and how we reconfigure the worship space to bring awareness to Scriptures as we move through the seasons.

Our outreach programs that help not only those of our own Community and surrounding areas, but also help others around the world.

How we focus on what is really important as a Community and focus on the work of the Church, not Church work.

How we reach out to comfort and support those who are hurting or experiencing difficulties.

That we have the ability to sit down and respectfully talk about our differences and how changes shape us, such as when we received the directive to change our Eucharist vessels. The outcome of this is individual handmade patens and bases for the wine cups that make our vessels unique and special.

How we create opportunity to share our values and learn the values of new members and understand why they chose to join Epiphany.

How we foster the Faith and continue to be believers and know that in the struggle of change, good will come from it.

### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**Administration:** Stewardship contributions have declined slightly. The Committee spent time coordinating grounds cleanup day, which went very smoothly with approximately 70 people participating.

**Community Care:** Nothing additional..

**Formation:** Nothing additional

**Parish Life:** Nothing additional.

**Social Responsibility:** Chuck Sgro provided an update on the Bentley House that is being renovated by the Church of Epiphany, St. Vincent De Paul's Chapter with assistance from Habitat for Humanity. Much of the work is completed. The house has been dry-walled and painted. The kitchen has been installed, but not the floor covering. While the project is getting very close to completion, it will not be finished in time for Christmas; however, the family did have an oven in which to cook their Thanksgiving turkey. The family is still in need to donations.

**Stewardship:** The Stewardship Committee and the Census Committee met to develop a plan and recruit volunteers to assist in calling approximately 1,000 parishioners who did not turn their Time, Talent, and Treasure forms. The calls will be for data collection only. Training for this will take place on December 12th and 13th.

**Worship:** Mike Berry is Coordinator for the Lector Program as of December 1, 2009, not January 1, 2010 as previously reported.

**Youth:** Nothing additional

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

The meeting closed with a prayer

Respectfully submitted,  
Cathy New, recording secretary