

## Pastoral Council Minutes March 7, 2011

**Attendees:** Matt Bolton, Doug Davis, Gerry Deehan, John Dorger, Chris Gebhardt, Kevin Kohls, Ken Krusling, Debbie Meinhardt, Claudia Miller, Ann Marie Moushey, John Mueller, Jane Mueninghoff, Barb Utrata, Joe Werling, Fr. Don West and Mary Ann Lampe (scribe).

**Preliminaries:** The Council Meeting opened with the Pastoral Council Prayer at 7:00 pm. The reflection was led by Ken Krusling.

### Agenda:

- 1) Approval of January minutes - all The January minutes were approved and seconded as written.
- 2) Finance Committee report - Brian Brian was unable to attend.
- 3) Visioning Day – The Council reviewed the successful “Visioning Day”, where, after much discussion, “youth involvement” received the highest rating of all the goals reviewed.  
The stated 2011 goal for council is:  
*By June, 2012 St. John’s Pastoral Council will define youth programs and activities and evaluate participation in both.*

Fr. Don has asked the staff to report on how many youth participate in each program/activity. The staff needs to evaluate if the tool that we use for the census is the most accurate. He thinks that we will find that we need to do an updated census.

Ken - do we have a good history of children that go through first communion and confirmation? Yes, Sharon Miller keeps those records.

Fr. Don - in the last couple of years, there has been a decline in the number of children receiving these sacraments.

The first action step for council is to:

Define youth programs and activities -- list what they are and the age group, including things such as Eucharistic Minister, Hospitality, etc.

Council members divided up this activity as follows to gain the necessary information:

Youth Ministry: John Dorger and Debbie Meinhardt to contact Debbie Kreiner;

Liturgical Ministry: Claudia and Ann Marie to contact Scott Steinke

Music Ministry: Jane Mueninhoff to contact Michael Dailey;

Boosters: Kevin Kohls will provide the needed information;

Sacraments: Barb Utrata and Ann Marie to contact Sharon Miller;

Scouts: Matt Bolton and Gerry Deehan to from Tate Cooper and Martha Era;

PSR, Early Childhood: Ken Krusling to contact Barb Conway.

Updates on this activity will be due at the April meeting.

Final information is due at the May, 2011 meeting.

The new council, when they convene in August, will evaluate the participation data and define further steps to achieve the goal by the set date of June, 2012.

The council thanked Fr. Don for leading the Visioning Day and deemed it a success and good start for council.

- 4) Fr. Don comments Fr. Don does not yet know if he will be nominated for St. John’s Pastor.
- 5) April activities:
  - Meeting date (4-4) (RCIA letters to be signed)
  - Bread delivery (4-9) Kevin will e-mail everyone
  - Lenten Retreat (4-10) (mission) Will begin nightly at 7 pm. PC is doing hospitality on Sunday night.
  - Stations of the Cross and dinner (4-15) 7 pm with dinner to follow at Bravos. Please arrive at 6:45pm.
  - Holy Thursday - Washing of Feet (4-21) PC goes up first, starts at 7:30.

In May, we have elections. John, Matt and Gerry will run again. Doug will let us know. Chris will not. Election will be May 7 and 8, with PC counting the ballots. Nomination weekend is a month before (April 2 and 3).

**Closing Prayer:** John led the closing prayer and we adjourned at 8:15 pm.

*Next Meeting: April 4, 2011*