

Pastoral Council Minutes
May 2, 2011

Attendees: Matt Bolton, John Dorger, Chris Gebhardt, Kevin Kohls, Ken Krusling, Debbie Meinhardt, Claudia Miller, Annemarie Moushey, John Mueller, 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 Annemarie.

Agenda Items:

- 1) Approval of minutes from April - All** The minutes were approved as written.
- 2) Election weekend (May 7/8)** – Debbie held sign-ups for counting ballots. There will be an announcement to read before all masses. Whoever is counting ballots, please read this announcement. Debbie explained the balloting procedures. Ties are determined by a vote of Council.

3) Visioning Project –

a) KofC Essay contest – John D. passed a summary of the contest. Nine students submitted essays on what can the Catholic Church and St. John’s do to encourage more participation by young people in the Parish. One suggested making up a questionnaire to insert in the bulletin for young people to fill out and return. Chris – we have talked about a contemporary mass before. At this time we are just gathering information. The essays were written by 18 year olds.

b) Review/update action steps – All

Youth Ministry: John Dorger and Debbie Meinhardt to contact Debbie Kreiner;
Liturgical Ministry: Claudia and Annemarie to contact Scott Steinke;
Music Ministry: Jane Mueninghoff to contact Michael Dailey;
Boosters: Kevin Kohls will provide the needed information;

John has made several attempts to contact Debbie Kreiner. Claudia passed a copy of an e-mail from Scott. Jane – the youth choir has 19 members, We have approximately 40 youth under the age of 18 that participate in one capacity or other. Kevin – 150 in basketball, not all of which are parishioners. He is waiting on volleyball numbers. Lakota has started charging for gym time.

Sacraments: Barb Utrata and Annemarie to contact Sharon Miller. Barb – 85 made first communion this year; about 100 for confirmation. It would be interesting to go back and compare first communion to confirmation.

Scouts: Matt Bolton and Gerry Deehan to contact Tate Cooper and Martha Era; Matt is still gathering data.

PSR, Early Childhood: Ken Krusling to contact Barb Conway. Ken – Sharon Miller is working on getting the numbers. There are 64 children in Sunday school. Twelve have signed up for VBS. Last year we had 104. Lareto is two weeks; VBS is one week. Fr. Don – Somewhere along the line we will need to put together a census committee. (A mailing with follow-up.) How many children in each family and their ages? We have had a drop in numbers and need to know why. John D. – How do we compare to neighboring parishes? Debbie – We used to do a meeting with St. John's. St. Michael, St. Susannah, and St. Max.

4) June 6 Meeting – Debbie/All June 6 is annual budget meeting. Change meeting to Tuesday, June 7 if the Pavilion is available for PC picnic. Debbie will send an e-mail to sign up for food.

5) Fr. Don's comments Fr. Tom has been named temporary administer at St. Michael's and will not be able to help us with masses. He is thinking about focus groups, one for new liturgy, another to answer three questions (what we should achieve, ugly things, and what would you like us to do in our parish). Hopefully, working with the idea of getting some visioning.

We are getting mixed info whether we can hire a new DRE. Holy week went well, the liturgies went well. We are doing remarkably well financially even with the current economic climate. We will not be getting a Parochial Vicar. We need help on weekends, but there is not enough for a full time associate. Jack Wessling and Phil Seher are the only ones that can help us.

6) Adjournment and closing prayer

The closing prayer was led by Joe Werling and we adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Next Meeting: June 7, 2011