

Pastoral Council Minutes

October 4, 2010

Change Our Hearts, O Lord.

Attendees: Matt Bolton, Doug Davis, Gerry Deehan, John Dorger, Kevin Kohls, Brian Krause, Ken Krusling, Debbie Meinhardt, Claudia Miller, Ann Marie Moushey, John Mueller, Jane Mueninghoff, Barb Utrata, Joe Werling, Kathy Mack, Father Don West. Guest: Judy Horne

Preliminaries: The Council Meeting opened with the Pastoral Council prayer at 7:03 pm. The reflection was presented by Barb Utrata.

Agenda items:

1) Approval of September meeting minutes & calendar – Debbie Meinhardt moved to approve the minutes and John Dorger seconded. Nametags for council members will be available Sunday in the church office.

2) Special Needs Ministry – Judy Horne is the St. John representative for the “Include Me Ministry” that was started in 2009 to serve children/adults with special needs and their parents. They have held retreats, Meet and Greet, Stations of the Cross, and bible study at St. Max and wish to become more active at St. John. There is Link on St. John’s website for support and spiritual activities around town. Judy asked council to share information about this ministry to those who would benefit including all caregivers of a special needs person.

3) Thank you letter to Fr. Mark – Changes were made in response to email suggestions. The letter will be sent.

4) Parish Leadership questionnaire – Council members were asked to answer questions before next month’s council meeting with Fr. Len Wenkef from the Archdiocese personnel office. Answers are to be returned to Jane by email or hard copy by October 22. Hard copies should be in a sealed envelope marked for Jane Mueninghoff.

5) New member bread delivery – Kevin Kohls will coordinate the delivery to be carried out the weekend of October 16th. There are about 60 new parishioners since our April delivery. Kevin will send an email to determine who will deliver after routes are determined.

6) Council & Parish Commissions – A discussion of which commissions and ministries we have and want to hear about at our meetings resulted in two steps. Barb Utrata will talk about the worship Commission and Brian Krause will talk about the Finance Committee. A schedule will be developed to include some of the others that were discussed. They include: Special Needs – Ann Marie Moushey, Marriage Prep – Ken Krusling, Boosters – Kevin Kohls, Festival – Debbie Meinhardt, Continuation – Matt Bolton, RCIA – Jane Mueninghoff, Youth Programs - ?, Campton Mission – Matt Bolton, PSR - ?, Justice & Peace – ?, Scouts – Tate Cooper & Martha Early, OutReach - ?, Steven Ministry - ?. An organizational chart of the parish will be provided by Kathy Mack to help in our education.

7) Cry Room - Chris Gebhart questioned whether a cry room was feasible/needed at St. John. The council felt excluding parts of a family from group worship was not the message for a parish supposed to be family orientated. The diocese does not support cry rooms.

8) Outside Causes - Various groups in the parish are often contacted by outside causes. A letter was drafted to address such causes. How this information would be disseminated was discussed. The request

could be emailed or put in the bulletin. The parish would not be involved in the activity. Father will take the draft to staff to see how they want to respond.

9) Fr. Don's comments – Animal blessings were done today including two in-car blessings for non-social dogs. Father attended a workshop on the Roman Missal. It IS coming. Father Mark had hernia surgery and is slowly recovering. Our new security system should be up within the month including magnetic door locks, and cameras. It offers remote open and locking.

Closing Prayer: Debbie Meinhardt

Next Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2010