

Pastoral Advisory Council

Minutes

November 3, 2009

Present:

- Fr. Tom, Marc Martens, Mark Carteaux, Holly Shields, Melanie Gomez, Bernie Fullenkamp, Ralph Keating, Mary Ellen Singer, Deacon Mark, Ann Garcia
- October Minutes Approved
- Ask Me Table - Mary Ellen Singer – Success story – one person asked about the Church's acceptance and pastoral concern for divorced people. Next Date - November 14-15.

Ministry Presentation

Update on the Men's Retreat

January 15-17 at Bergamo Center. Retreat Master is Brother Mike O'Grady, music and guest speaker by Nick Cardilino
Registration going out to every man in the Parish
Some financial help is available if needed

Commission Reports

Social Justice – Mark Carteaux

- Karen L. – Ministry Maya Tech Learning Center - non-profit learning center for kids in Guatemala – fund for teachers, cultural funding for here in Bellbrook and other places. Offering an open house to anyone in the Church on November 22 – Guatemalan food and drink to raise proceeds to benefit education projects
- On December 13, Feast day of our Lady of Guadalupe
- Nov 10 – Cajun Dinner 5:30-7:00 – presentation, and talk on the problems with Katrina Hurricane in New Orleans
- Trick-or-Canning – Collected 565 cans – all went to St. Vincent DePaul. FOCUS talking about taking monthly trips to the soup kitchen. Also, talking about next spring having a parish day of service. Plans are in the works. Looking for additional ideas, and will be discussing at FOCUS meeting in near future.
- Ministerium – Sugar creek Police, (Marathon, Cub Foods) find people passing through that have some need (out of gas, need food, need shelter). Police have never had a fund to help people like that.
- Jan 5 – putting a 1-year and 5-year plan together
- Beginning to collect canned goods

Worship – Bernie

- Distribution of Eucharist to homebound and sick. Potential new way to distribute pyx.
- Potential ideas for what substantive thing could do for the Year of the Priests. Topic tabled for additional discussion.
- Fr. Tom brought an amended Mass Schedule for Advent and Christmas. The one published had missing information.
- Fr. Tom requested to leaders (Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc.) that after 1st of Year, would like to meet with all of them to thank them, and make request for changes/suggestions.
- Flu Precautions - Advocate not hold hands for “Our Father” or shake hands at “Kiss of Peace”, Eucharistic Ministers cleanse hands before distributing. Begin November 14-15.
- Discussing possibility of Worship Aid in place for Christmas Season.

Faith Formation – Melanie Gomez

- Sharing faith stories in the bulletin – have a story from various people sharing their journey in faith.
- Putting ministry quilt on website – the plan is to have a link going to each ministry’s website from the quilt logo.
- Fr. Tom’s homily’s – would like to put them on the website, though realize this is probably not feasible, so looking for other alternatives
- Outings/family time for adults and children for more family time – planning more family time activities, as opposed to having adults go one way, and kids another, to increase togetherness “family time”.

Finance Discussion

Review of parish financial processes (cash handling, etc.) occurred this past September. Assess and make recommendations.

Vision and Dreams

Focusing on the welcoming, particularly for the Easter and Christmas Catholics to lavishly welcome them.

Marc Martens volunteered to be PAC representative on team.

Five-year plan – Mark Carteaux – took copy of five-year plan. To review with Holly Shields and anyone else who may be interested.

Marc Martens - PAC now has an email. Will email us with the email and password.

Pastor's Topics

The latest statistics on priests for this deanery and diocese.

2012 predicted that we will need 100 pastors.

Now training people like Deacon Mark, with the full authority of running a parish business wise. There will still be a pastor, but the pastor will be work more on ministries.

On the positive side, the Andrew Dinner at St. Anthony's that Arch-Bishop Schnurr has put in place. Fr. Tom was amazed at how many men interested in the priesthood (35). Wonderful presentation. Terrific talks and well-thought out questions. Potentially we could see some turn-around in this.

More on-going faith formation for pastors. Fr. Tom begins classes on December 1 at Maria Stein. Outside group of priests will be teaching. It is a 2-year program (a few days/month). Called "Good Leaders, Good Shepherds"

Should share information with Parish (in Spirit)

Budget and Planning – Deacon Mark

Operations Review - tracking really close to what we did last year (within 1%).

On expense side, budget recommends everything stay the same

Under operating expenses – Jack Pitts left, Sylvia hired, Noelle leaving and being replaced. The personnel changes will net increase \$20-25K increase. More will also take advantage of health care benefit of \$12-14K.

Blue Envelope – tracking close to last year

For Future Planning – April 6 meeting date. Need to change?