

Pastoral Council Meeting Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, August 21, 2007

Attendees: Fr. Danny Garcia, Deacon David Boren, Mark Fair, Paula McLaughlin, Pat Downing, Michelle De la Cruz, Sonia Schuetze, Henry Gaona and Teresa Clark.

The meeting started in P-1 at 7:40pm.

Opening: Mark opened with the daily gospel reading, and then the group reflected on the reading.

Pastoral Council Events:

Time & Talent Education Fair: On the weekend of September 15-16, our priests will speak at masses regarding time and talent, and we will have a testimonial from a parishioner. There is the option of all ministries hosting a table and we had discussion regarding the Pastoral Council hosting a table, but it was decided we will just wear name tags since we are members of a discerned ministry.

Tri-Council recognition dinner: (10/27) – this idea came about when discussing how we can recognize those who have greatly contributed to our parish (particularly our website). To avoid confusion with the Lumen Gentium award and its recognition, it was decided we will wait to focus on any individual parish recognition at a later time. It could be at the ministry leads ‘wine & cheese’ function (spring?), would give the ability to encompass more people, etc.

Program Discussion:

Building use (Narthex): We have a parishioner who wants to host a fundraiser in the narthex to benefit a family of non-parishioners who suffered the loss of their father/husband recently. It is an attempt to give focus/meaning to the parishioner’s son’s desire to give back to those who have helped him so much in his time of need. Questions arose regarding a fundraising event benefiting a non-parishioner and what are the current guidelines for renting the narthex to a fundraising group. We discussed the possibility of charging rental but then ‘donating’ the rental fee back to the group. It was decided that any special fundraising projects would need to individually be reviewed by PC, after there is a clause added to the current building use document. A group would need to submit their detailed request in writing.

Action item: Sonia will draft a clause.

Review Pastoral Council staggered rotation: We reiterated that the pastorally appointed member (Mark Fair) will stay on for the 6-month extra term (see March minutes). Eventually the appointed member will serve a one year longer term than the discerned members – 6 months up front and then 6 months after their three year term.

Action item: Henry will draft an amendment to the Council norms to outline the lengthened term process.

Technology Council Formation: An action item from our June meeting was to cross-reference the parish database to get names of ‘technical’ people – and this research brought up four pages of names. It was determined we need to write a description of the responsibilities of the tech council, and then we can review the list and invite the appropriate people from the list via personal invitation. Out of this group, a leader will be appointed and the hope is that the remainder of council members will fall into place. Pat Downing will host the initial meeting to launch the new committee.

Action item: Mark will write the description and email invitations. He will coordinate with Josie as she too is engaged in addressing the Parish website needs.

Website update: We are currently still in the decision process between two web design companies. Deacon David has researched, and found the annual fees are \$480 versus \$7300. It was reiterated that we don't have an official list of selection criteria to base our decision upon. There are no other candidates at this time. The tech council will need to analyze the website tasks (i.e. what types of templates are necessary, etc.), and how to designate the 3-4 people who will have access to maintain the website.

Open topics:

NFP talk: – it was agreed that the recent talk was 'toned down', more sensitive, broader than last year's talk. There was discussion that it still could be a non-pulpit topic, or to fine tune the talk again without watering down the teaching; OR make an announcement and allow NFP to have a table afterwards; include in bulletin. We need to stress the importance of educating parishioners about approved methods, etc. and reaching young people who may not otherwise choose NFP.

Parish Festival date: Oct 20th. Booths still need sponsors (\$50 each). PC members may direct their donations to Henry (on festival committee).

Next regular meeting will be held September 19, 2007 at 7:30pm in P-1.

Closing Prayer led by Henry.

Respectfully submitted by Teresa Clark.