

**Pastoral Council Meeting
January 13, 2009**

Present: Carol Buerman, Jamie Lockman, Sr. Doris, Fr. Jeff, Christine Whitlatch, Jeff Bretherton Steve Strothman, Ken Smith, Linda Zarko, Kirsten Hangas, Richard Bishop, Sue Monroe, Paraic Neibergs, Cathy Schwenk, Trina Murphy

Absent: Ryan Johnson, Mary Callahan-Baumstark, Jennifer Blood

Steve Strothman opened in prayer.

I. Updates

CCM- Kirsten reported that students are on break. They will be a winter spiritual intern retreat in two weeks. She has scheduled two more meetings with the sub committee to review CCM program. One question asked was how many Catholic students participate in CCM activities. Kirsten stated between 80-150 and that St. Francis also attracts between 60-100 students.

Fr. Jeff- Fr. Jeff reported on the sprinkler system failure that occurred in December. Most of the water drained out of the building however it did flood one classroom. There were replacement of ceiling tiles and sheet rock. All has been submitted to insurance. The deductible is \$500. The boiler also was failing in one zone of the building. He reported the update on our current budget which is -\$8400.00. Mardi Gras is scheduled for February 21st, Confirmation will be May 18th at Blessed Trinity.

Joan H.- shared that the high school students would like to complete a mission this summer and may be doing fundraising for that as well as CYC.

Cathy- Cathy provided an update on the Habitat for Humanity project. She spoke to the representative for the churches and shared that 7 churches have responded. The kickoff is in February and they encouraged us to become involved. CCM may be contributing a \$1000 to the campaign and if so, we may be able to contact St. Anthony's and Blessed Trinity again to find out if they are interested. Jim Tackes has also offered to assist with a fund raiser for the project.

III. Monthly Standing Parish committee/group. Kathleen Hauck. She was not present.

IV. Old Business

- a. **Reviewed the minutes from last month** and they were approved.
- b. **Pre-School-**Cathy received 7 emails today regarding the support for a preschool at CTK. She did not have any chance to read them and will be forwarding them to each pastoral council member. She was a little surprised by the emails and wasn't sure how to respond. The council

discussed on how best to respond. Suggestions included that those individuals who are in support of the pre-school have an opportunity to be heard and that we need to respond as a council to their emails. It was also suggested that the pre-school become an agenda item for next month or that we have a separate meeting to address the issue. The consensus was not to put it on next month's agenda and that the item is tabled until we know what the diocese has planned for us. During the discussion, the December minutes were reviewed and it was agreed that the pre-school issue was discussed at length and is tabled for now and no further discussion is needed.

We discussed possibility of changing bylaws in regards to agenda items and that it needs to be done prior to the meeting instead of allowing anyone to add to the agenda. It was also suggested that we put the Pastoral Council agenda in the bulletin so parish knows what we are discussing at each meeting.

A letter will be drafted to respond to the parishioners who emailed the council regarding the pre-school explaining our position.

- c. **Communication-** short discussion on the need for improved communication. It was suggested that that a communication plan be developed and it was also suggested that it be part of pastoral plan.
- d. **Nominations-** The group was reminded that February is the month that we need to form a nomination committee. Also compile information on the different ministries.
- e. **Pastoral Planning-**Fr. Jeff discussed more about the diocese pastoral planning and that he will know more in February. He clarified that we will be laying the ground work for the planning.

V. New business (Fr. Jeff)

Fr. Jeff presented the diocese mission statement and asked each of us to review the statement and share our thoughts and what words speak to us. Responses included: comfort in our tradition and that it reminds us how we celebrate worldwide. We then did the same with the parish mission statement. Responses included the thought of climbing a summit when hearing, "celebration of Eucharist are the source and summit of our lives."

Next meeting: February 10th at 7:00PM.

Prayer: Christine Treats: Cathy

VI. Closing Prayer

Steve Strothman provided closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski
Parish Secretary

