

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 6, 2010**

PRESENT: Jim Bell, Sue Monroe, Fr. Jeff, Steve Strothman, Ken Smith, Trina Murphy, Patti Cassidy, Jennifer Vail, Kirsten Hangas, , Jen Blood, Christine Whitlatch, Sr. Doris

Guest: Cody Williams-Vocation Committee

Opening Prayer: Steve Strothman

Review of December Minutes: Request to add Living Stones info to the minutes as an addendum.

I. Updates:

A. CCM- (Kirsten)-Waiting on a grant from the Youth and Young Adult Ministry. These funds will be used for Theology on Tap and Strengthfinders. Currently CCM receives \$31,000 from ACA and \$15,000 from Extension. SEARCH is scheduled for March 19-21. Possibility that there will be a CCM trip to Guatemala in 2011.

C. FAITH FORMATION (Patti) is also waiting on two grants. One is through the Diocese and the other is a social justice awareness grant that is 12 months. If neither is received, it won't have a negative impact on the budget for faith formation but would provide an opportunity for ministry development training offered by the diocese and also for a 12-month social justice awareness project that Patti would put together for high school students.

High School SEARCH is scheduled for February 19-21. Kurt sent out a letter to all parishes asking for other youth ministry groups to participate by volunteering and participating. One suggestion was to alternate the high school SEARCH between spring and fall so that all students have an opportunity to participate. This may be possible if planned far enough in advance. Current date was only date available.

The "Just" Coffee, fair-trade chocolate and hand made goods was " hugely successful" with support and enthusiasm from the parishioners. \$153.00 was collected in December. Patti plans to make it available again January 23-24 after each liturgy.

Patti is sending out a letter to parents as a mid-year to touch base with all the parents who have children in RE.

D. (Fr. Jeff) Mardi Gras is scheduled for February 13 at 6:30PM. Wild Bill will be the entertainment. Christine and Trina are on the planning committee.

We are still waiting on the next step for Living Stones to be scheduled. It will be a meeting of the deanery. Each parish will have a representative. CTK's representative is Kevin Fredenberg. Discussed how soon changes would be made. Fr. Jeff said that priest assignments happen on July 1<sup>st</sup>. so nothing would happen until July 1, 2011.

A sign language interpreter will be at the 11:15 AM liturgy on a regular basis. Denise May will be sharing her ministry and Fr. Jeff shared that we do have one deaf parishioner in our community.

E. "HEARD IT IN THE PEWS" Discussed any comments we are hearing from fellow parishioners. The following are comments regarding the Christmas liturgies:

- Many positive comments on the Mary, Joseph and Jesus carvings and their presence at liturgy especially for the children.
- 4:30 homily was great especially regarding the children.
- Bulletin posted on the website prior to liturgy.
- Easter proclamation made at Epiphany liturgies
- Christmas day liturgy was peaceful and a nice alternative to the chaos of a Christmas Eve mass. Sr. Doris will offer a nursery next year.
- Offertory baskets were not passed around in every section. Doris was disappointed about this because she had trained the ushers to make sure that all rows received the baskets. Next year it will be done differently.
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F. LIVING STONES RESULTS (Jim Bell)- Jim asked if we wanted to continue to rate the other table information from the first Living Stones meeting. Council agreed that we should look at evangelization next. Also discussed the possibility of hosting a follow up session of the listening sessions. This would give the council an idea of what the parishioner's perspectives are on the answers they submitted. For example, one comment was that CTK has an "active laity". What does that mean to each of us?

G. VOCATION COMMITTEE-Cody Williams gave a presentation on vocation committees and asked if any council members would be interested in participating. Trina Murphy agreed to participate. Cody will make a special announcement after each liturgy and hopes to put together a committee soon. Cody is applying to the seminary and hopes to be accepted in August. He would also be valuable in speaking about his own discernment. The goal will to be focus on both religious life and vocations.

H. Relationships between the three councils (finance, pastoral and stewardship)- The council discussed ideas of how to develop a relationship with the other two councils. Suggestions included; joint meeting with all three councils separate from the monthly meeting on a quarterly basis, annual retreat, or joint meeting twice a year. Another suggestion was that we focus on "working in concert on a continuous basis." It is important that we work together and have a good working relationship. The question is how? We will continue this discussion in future meetings.

I. Coffee and Donuts after Liturgy- Stewardship council has asked that each council host a coffee hour. The pastoral council will host on February 28<sup>th</sup>. This will give the council the opportunity to share information with other parishioners about the

council and what we do. It was requested that council members attend the coffee hour if possible.

J. Other business: none  
Closing Prayer: Steve

FEBRUARY MEETING: February 3, 2010. 7PM

Prayer leader: Christine  
Snacks: Fr. Jeff

Meeting Adjourned  
Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski