

**Pastoral Council Meeting
November 11, 2008**

Present: Carol Buerman, Jamie Lockman, Sr. Doris, Fr. Jeff, Christine Whitlatch, Paraic Neibergs, Steve Strothman, Ken Smith, Cathy Schwenk, Trina Murphy, Linda Zarko, Mary Callahan-Baumstark, Jennifer Blood

Absent: Jeff Bretherton, Ryan Johnson

Guests: Habitat for Humanity

Jamie opened in prayer.

I. Habitat for Humanity

Members of the Habitat for Humanity provided a presentation on the Good Neighbor Build 2009, which is a new program that is specifically for churches to become involved with the Habitat for Humanity projects. The program is set up for 12 churches to donate \$5,000 and 250 volunteer hours and provide 3 lunches. The plan is to build 3 houses in 2009 and one house would be sponsored by the Good Neighbor Project.

Habitat has contacted all the Catholic churches and all are interested with only St. Francis committing to the project.

The Pastoral Council discussed the project and came to consensus that we should participate with the other churches to keep our cost down. The group felt that raising \$1000 would be manageable.

Fr. Jeff and Jennifer B. will contact the other Catholic Churches to discuss a partnership. Deadline for commitment is December 1st.

II. Updates

CCM-

a. Jennifer B. shared with the council about CCM activities. There was a Poverello Dinner that was held last Saturday and was successful with 130 served. Also discussed SEARCH which was held in October and there were 15 participants which was also a good turnout.

b. Fiscal Year End Report- Fr. Jeff handed out the 2007-2008 fiscal report and the budget for 2008-2009. Council members were given the opportunity to comment and ask questions. This report will be mailed to all the families in the church. Feedback on the report was the need for clarification that it only includes the weekly offertory and is separate from the Capital Campaign. It was suggested that a separate report be included regarding the Capital Campaign.

III. Monthly Standing Parish committee/group. Next group will be in January.

IV. Old Business

- a. Reviewed the minutes from last month and they were approved.
- b. Fr. Jeff provided an update on the campaign. Currently \$640,000 in pledges have been made. The first payment to the Diocese is February 1st.
- c. Time and Talent will be done over the next two weeks.

V. New business

- a. Preschool- Christine provided the council with an overview of the preschool program at Holy Family that Joan Butler put together. The council discussed whether the preschool fits within our mission statement and if we should pursue it further. There was consensus that it does fit within our mission statement and we should pursue it. Council was able to ask some questions and voice concerns. It was decided to pool all the questions and present them to Joan Butler. Please email Fr. Jeff if you have any questions regarding the preschool.
- b. CHURCH Magazine Article- Tabled for this week.
- c. 4th grade Religious education will be conducting a clothing drive in next few weeks. Mary Callahan-Baumstark is coordinating.
- d. December meeting: December 9th at 6:00PM. We will have a potluck.

VI. Closing Prayer

Jamie provided closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned
Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski
Parish Secretary