

**Pastoral Council Meeting
October 7, 2009**

Present: Sr. Doris, Fr. Jeff, Ken Smith, Kirsten Hargas, Jamie Lockman, Richard Bishop, Christine Whitlatch, Jen Blood, Sue Monroe, Paraic Neibergs
Richard Bishop, Joan Bartkowski, Jim Bell, Patti Cassidy

Absent: Trina Murphy, Steve Strothman

Christine Whitlatch . opened in prayer.
Reviewed minutes- Accepted

I. Updates

CCM- Kirsten shared that the changes to CCM have been positive. Students are really able to use their strengths. There have been graduate students attending UNITE on a regular basis. Hunger Awareness is coming up and there will be a few changes. There will be sponsored “need drives” for the Poverello, YWCA, Watsons, Mountain Home for items such as towels, sheets, office supplies. There will also be a recognition dinner for those helping the homeless.

Jennifer shared information about the Habitat for Humanity Build Day. 12-13 CTK members attended and three were permanent parishioners. Jen had to turn people away from helping due to the build being ahead of schedule. There may not need to be a build day on the 24th as scheduled. She will know more closer to the date. Fr. Jeff also participated and shared his experience.

Faith Formation-Patti provided an update on the registrations for RE. She stated that the registrations doubled from last week. She had 23 and Now have 53. Sacramental prep is up and running. She has a good list for CLW leaders but has to suspend it for a few more weeks until all leaders can complete the Safe Environment for Children training that is required. Discussed the Safe Environment training with the council and an insert will be included in the bulletin this week.

Jeff- Annual Catholic Appeal (formerly DOP) kickoff is this weekend. Glenda Seipp from the Stewardship Services in Helena will be here the Weekend of October 23-25.

II. **Monthly Standing Parish committee/group.** None

III. **Old Business-** None

IV. **New business**

A. Living Stones- Fr. Jeff shared the dates of the round table discussions and asked for volunteers to be scribes and table leaders. The first meeting will have 3- 40 minute discussions on a choice of 7 topics. Parishioners can participate in up to 3 topics.

There was also a discussion on the purpose of the pastoral planning and council members shared their questions and comments about the process.

B. Diocesan Policy on H1N1. – Fr. Jeff reiterated on the information that was shared last week in the bulletin regarding H1N1. Please note if you are feeling ill, please stay at home.

C. Strength Finders- Jeff asked if all members have completed the Strength Finders assessment. There are still a few that have to take the assessment. Jeff would like to schedule a retreat for all three councils. He will send out a doodle on dates for members to consider. Jeff states that stewardship has had a shift in focus from a parish focus to a parishioner focus.

D. Open Council Positions- Jeff Bretherton has resigned from the council and Ryan Johnson has moved to Great Falls. There are 6 council member seats open. 1 permanent community, 2 high school, and 3 university. Patti shared that there are potential high students to fill the 2 slots. Jeff asked if anyone would like to nominate someone to let him know.

E. Registration- Reminded council members about re-registering with the parish.

Next meeting WEDNESDAY, November 4, at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Jennifer

Snacks: Ken

V. Closing Prayer

Christine in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski
Parish Secretary