

**Pastoral Council Meeting
September 8, 2009**

Present: Sr. Doris, Fr. Jeff, Steve Strothman Ken Smith, Kirsten Hangas, Jamie Lockman, Richard Bishop, Christine Whitlatch, Jen Blood, Sue Monroe, Richard Bishop, Linda Zarko, Joan Bartkowski, Jim Bell, Patti Cassidy

Absent: Ryan Johnson, Paraic Neibergs, Trina Murphy, Jeff Bretherton

Fr. Jeff . opened in prayer.

I. Updates

CCM- Kirsten shared there have been major changes to Catholic Campus Ministry. She had met last spring with a subcommittee to revise CCM and the plan was to slowly implement the changes. Due to only having three applicants to fill the intern positions, it was decided to implement the changes earlier than decided. All three applicants were hired. Unfortunately, one of the interns decided not to return to school this year and now there are only two interns. It has been an evolutionary process that has allowed other students to live their strengths who may not have become involved otherwise. They have hired “lounge lizards” to monitor the CCM lounge who are former interns. They also have been able to use other former interns in other positions. They have had a great freshman turnout and are working on a new data base for the freshmen. They are also offering Theology on Tap for students in their 20’s and 30’s. This is held at local bars each week where the students are responsible for their drinks and CCM provides a snack. Kirsten is also recruiting a coordinator for SEARCH and has another two positions to fill. Jen Blood commented that the ACE group may or may not continue as a social group since Theology on Tap has replaced the teaching component of ACE.

Religious Education- In July, Joan Hoedel met with Fr. Jeff and Sue to discuss her plans to leave the position of DRE. Fortunately, the position was filled immediately by Patti Cassidy who has 20 + years experience in religious education and could step into the position rather easily. Patti had an opportunity to share her background with the council.

Living Stones- Fr. Jeff shared that he has almost completed the online survey for the diocesan pastoral planning. There will be two separate listening sessions conducted in October and/or November. We will need table facilitators for those sessions. Fr. Jeff is planning to ask Cathy Schwenk to lead the meetings.

II. Monthly Standing Parish committee/group. None

III. Old Business- None

IV. New business (Fr. Jeff)

Selection Chair person- The council members were asked to volunteer to be the chairperson for the next year. Jen Blood was nominated however agreed to be the vice-chair. Steve Strothman agreed to take over as chair in November.

Date change for Council- Fr. Jeff asked the council to consider moving the pastoral council meeting to another day. He has found with the changes in CCM that he needs to be more involved. The council agreed to move the meeting to the **first Wednesday of each month at 7PM**

Stewardship Report- Fr. Jeff shared a copy of the Stewardship Report that is scheduled to be mailed to all parishioners this week. He felt this is a way of showing the parish how we have shared our time and talent over the last year. It also includes a copy of the church's budget.

Living Your Gifts- Fr. Jeff shared that he attended a stewardship conference last spring and one of the presentations discussed the use of the StrengthFinders assessment. Members of the stewardship council also attended the conference and felt that the book would be good in helping the various councils identify strengths in our parishioners and we would learn more ways to invite parishioners to become involved.

Leadership: The Art of Possibility: this video was shown to the council and discussed a strength based approach on becoming a leader and finding leaders in our community.

Next meeting WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7TH at 7:00 PM.

Prayer: Christine

Snacks: Jamie

Please note the change of day for the Pastoral Council to Wednesday. We will meet in the lower center.

Monthly Parish Standing Committee-None

V. **Closing Prayer**

Fr. Jeff closed in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Joan Bartkowski
Parish Secretary