

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. John Hennessey, , Mike Finley, Bill Zorc, Sue Zimmer, Russ Lehocky; Rena Calanca, Ann Oakley, Gerrie Neville Eric Gall, Ted Polk, Tom Dutton, Brian Will, Roland Catherall, Jack Pepping, Paul Aichele. We had two visitors: Alison Kosiek, youth ministry and John Brodarick, parishioner who works with SPRED.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Rick Curschman. Previous month's minutes were accepted.

OPENING PRAYER: Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel: John 15: 9-17. Responses included: What brings joy to you, your family and friends, intentional discipleship and God's yearning to be our friend and spending a life responding to that call for friendship. Mission takes us all away from our everyday life and shows us there is more to life in the world than our own daily needs.

PARISH MISSION REFLECTION

We strive to make our Mission Statement more than just words. The PPC is working to make the Mission a living document through our initiatives and directives.

ALISON KOSIEK, YOUTH MINISTRY DISCUSSION

Alison discussed our goals for youth ministry, youth values and how our youth programs are positively taking shape. She has been with us less than one year and is laying the groundwork for many initiatives including youth mission trips, small faith communities, faith relationship ministry and getting our youth more involved in the workings of our parish. Much discussion followed a Youth Ministry handout from Alison outlining goals for Youth Ministry. We discuss the resources invested in our youth through eighth grade. We also discussed how there has not been much focus for our youth after eighth grade graduation and Confirmation in RE. We discussed putting together a strategy and tactical plans for transitioning our young people's faith formation from eighth grade into adulthood. We as a parish and a community need to spend more time and effort on this transition. Eric offered career coaching; Bill offered Alison the opportunity to work with our Boy Scouts at any of their monthly meetings. Alison discussed setting expectations for our youth along the lines of: service, social, giving and satisfaction to the needs of our youth in youth led programs. We discussed a series of objectives and creating an advisory board comprised of parishioners, youth and Alison to assist our youth into a transition to adult faith. Our youth today needs to see itself in the picture of our parish.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father started by thanking everyone for their participation in the celebration of Father Ken and Father Val's 40 years of ministry in the church. The community wanted to celebrate with our priests and it was good to have everyone together for the celebration. Joe Newman has made the transition to be our new Director of Administration taking over for Bob Blanke who is moving to North Carolina. Joe is a CPA, and in the process of getting acclimated and transitioning. Please take a minute to thank him for taking on this crucial role with so many dimensions. The flu situation seems to have died down. Most people

have found that their common sense has helped them thru this crisis. If anyone has any observations thoughts or ideas they would like to share with father, please feel free to call to email him. Father said he does look forward to our observations, thoughts and ideas.

CHAIR REPORT:

Jack discussed the upcoming name tag weekend and asked all PPC members to wear the big blue name badges at mass. Pentecost Sunday is May 31st. Jack asked for and received volunteers to read and participate at every mass in the pre-mass readings. A stewardship Call a Thon will be had at our parish after the participation cards are filled out at Pentecost mass. The dates will be June 9, 10 & 11, between 7:00 and 8:30. Contact Sue Lehocky to find out more and participate if you are able.

We also discussed the ambiance of our PPC meetings. Everyone agreed to continue the model based on the model of a small faith community. We all agreed that there is far more dialog and discussion in our meetings and there continues to be a need for additional faith formation. We have, with Kevin Murphy's help, moved to being more of a community. We will continue to keep Kevin involved in our meetings on an ad hoc basis. We are moving forward and continue to be a work in process. Jack asked us to all think about what we need for future faith formation. Please always forward any agenda items to the chair for future meetings. We need to discern as a group for who we would like to join our PPC. Jack, Eric, Rick, Mike and Brian are rolling off the PPC. Ted will move to the chair position. That will leave us ten (10) people to the PPC. We also need to bring names to our next meeting of any individuals that we believe would make a good add to our PPC. Father will write a letter with Ted inviting these individuals to consider joining our PPC. Father will also place an invitation in his weekly bulletin notice. Email Ted with suggestions for potential new members. Emails will follow concerning our summer July meeting.

PPC SUBGROUP:

Roland presented the initial findings of the subgroup. He talked about forming a series of task forces to get the jobs done that were listed in the report the team prepared for our PPC meeting. Roland presented many questions and is working with our parishioners, commission members and PPC towards getting closer to answers. The parish will be providing all PPC members a book they are utilizing named "Growing an Engaged Church" by Albert Weisman, \$23.00 each. Roland will be working to extend invitations to all the commissions to form the task groups. The subgroup will also be seeking people with talents to become able to talk to and survey our parish. We may need to change our parish vision. We may need to speak to each parishioner, with the hope to get each person's opinion and each person involved. The Commission Heads, PPC, Parish Staff and the Men's Council and Women's Board/Council will also be extended an invitation to participate in the task force. One of the questions we will need to ask is: Do the ministries we have today meet the needs of our parish as dictated by our parishioners.

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> the task force. Thanks
> Roland

COMMISSION REPORTS / HIGHLIGHTS:

Faith Formation: NR (no report this month).

Human Concerns: NR

Spiritual Life: NR

Stewardship: NR

Parish Life: NR.

Finance: NR.

LISTENINGS: Positive comments about the Celebration of Father Val & Father Val's 40 years of ministry.

Next meeting is June 9, 7:00 PM in Loughry Room; Rick Curschman, Ann Oakley will lead our prayer, Breaking Open The Word.

Closing prayer and adjournment