

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
November 11, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. John Hennessey, Tom Dutton, Brian Will, Rick Curschman, Mike Finley, Roland Catherall; Ted Polk, Sue Zimmer, Russ LeHocky; Rena Calanca, Ann Oakley, Gerrie Neville Eric Gall, Bill Zorc, Jack Pepping, Paul Aichele.

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Penny Kelinski, Tilly Scanlan, Regina Thibeau, John Scanlan and Kevin Murphy were in attendance at our meeting. The previous month's minutes were approved.

OPENING PRAYER, Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30. Words that came to the groups mind were: Using Talents, Living Talents, Currency of Talents, Accountability of Gifts, Giving of Gifts and Gifts of Talent.

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, directives and incarnated.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOCUS, Regina Thibeau / John Scanlan – Faith Formation

Regina and John spoke about Life Long Faith Formation with adults, young adults and children. The group make up includes ten people from the school, RE and Adult Education. Bible Study is run completely independently. The commission is seeking additional membership. There are three programs scheduled: Multi Generational Art Institute program with Arts and Crafts at Christmas on December 2, Seder Diner (Passover Dinner) as a family evening for 50 to 70 people completed in volunteers homes and a program on the Mary Apparitions in May. The commission has had some difficulties forming and choosing a chair. The commission is also working on reestablishing it's mission and the Adult Faith Board.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father talked to us about seeking potential new members with Talents and Gifts that would make the PPC better. He discussed defining the Talent we are looking for which would make it obvious and easy who that person would be.

SUCCESSION PLANNING:

Kevin Murphy addressed the PPC members starting a discussion on Succession Planning. Kevin listed several questions and thoughts to help us in our discussion:

- What culture are we creating?
- How do we decide how to bring parishioners into the PPC?
- Can we understand what a person's fit can be for PPC?
- Can we define the talents we are looking for?

- Can we say to a potential member: This is what we know or have heard about you and why we would like you to participate in the PPC.
- We need to create an environment where parishioners can bring their best talents, skills and gifts into the mission of the PPC.
- Our calling as PPC members is to not just wait for the Spirit to come to us. It is to let the Spirit in and nourish it within our mission.
- As the current PPC we need to answer the question: what is our purpose, value and identity as the PPC and what legacy do we want to leave?

CHAIR REPORT:

Jack asked us to consider brainstorming what we want to accomplish together as the PPC. He would like us to think of us creating a culture and to think of what we need to do to enable the Spirit in our group. Patti Ann & Mary Causey will be at our next meeting with the Commission of Human Concerns. We will also discuss our Winter Service Leadership Gathering.

(we did not have Commission Reports this meeting)

LISTENINGS

- Eric discussed another meeting with the Faithful Physicians and our Bishop Rasmus who was able to participate. Eric will keep us up to date as this group progresses.

Next meeting is December 9, 7:00 PM in Loughry Room; Russ Lehocky and Brian Will will lead our prayer on Breaking Open The Word.

Schedule for Breaking Open the Word:

December 9, Russ Lehocky, Brian Will
 January 13, Sue Zimmer, Bill Zorc
 February 10, Gerrie Neville, Tom Dutton
 March 10, Ted Polk, Paul Aichele
 April 14, Eric Gall, Roland Catherall
 May 12, Ann Oakley, Michael Finley
 June 9, Rick Curschman, Rena Calanca

Closing prayer and adjournment;