

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Pastoral Council Minutes
“Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus” (Hebrews 12:12)
Thursday May 14, 2009

Opening Prayer: Beth Duffy-Dries

Roll Call: Fr. Eric, Todd Popson, Phil Cade, Ann Marie Camarata, Carrie Everhart, Van Willis, Peggy Osborne, Terry Horton, Beth Duffy-Dries and Tom Yost. Larry Richards joined the Pastoral Council meeting

Absent/Excused: Bob Kleehamer and Mark Bliss

Approval of Minutes: Phil Cade motioned to accept the February minutes, Beth Duffy-Dries second, all were in favor and minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Envision – after planning and research and through years of the implementation process – Envision comes to an end this August. We had a full Envision team meeting a few months ago about the transformation. Fr. Eric met last week with Carl & Sandy Koetter to talk about the transformation. They will be following up with each of the individual five priority area groups to make sure everyone is comfortable with their transition into the regular parish ministries. Carl and Sandy are planning to meet with the council in August and give us a final Envision report.

Fr. Eric told us that at the last full team meeting they talked about celebrating what all has been accomplished through the Envision process and recognizing as a whole parish that this process is coming to an end, however, all these ministries will continue on. We would like to do something, but, we really haven't thought about what we want to do.

Parish Picnic – celebrating our parish feast day is June 28th. We will need to reschedule the picnic because Fr. Eric and some of our parishioners will be on the Pilgrimage. The picnic has been changed to August 9th and we will also celebrate the end of Envision. Beth will coordinate the picnic. We will celebrate Our Feast Day at all the masses on June 27 & 28th.

St. Paul Year Ad-hoc Committee – the last thing we are working on is the school essay contest. Some of the essays will be published in our August Newsletter.

Capital Campaign – Master Plan Progress – Fr. Eric gave us a financial update. The amount collected as of April 30th is \$747,461.82. The money is coming in a little slower due to overall pledges are coming to an end and the economy. Amount for future projects is \$164,288.81.

Project updates – the drawings for the narthex, restrooms, doors and Baptismal font are finalized and the contract was sent to the Archdiocese for approval. This is a lengthy process because there are many projects going on at this time for approval from the Archdiocese.

Robert's Heating & Air Conditioning during their spring routine maintenance this year discovered one of the A/C units that service Wagner Hall is dead. There are two units that cool Wagner Hall. The other unit that is still working will not last long. The units that cool the church are capable of sending some cool air into Wagner Hall, but not as much as needed. Luckett & Farley is in conversation with Robert's to investigate upgrading the planned new unit to cool the church narthex and restroom so that it would also be large enough to cool Wagner Hall.

Financial Report – Larry Richards gave the Financial/Budget Report. See attached reports. April's monthly collection was \$80,919.81 and Year to Date is \$812,076.65. Larry covered the school, parish and parish departmental budgets with us. Larry told us there will be no increase in school tuition or fees, salaries were frozen at the 2009 actual level, kept the Sunday collections at the 2009 budget level and health care insurance for school employees were frozen at the 2009 actual level. Terry Horton covered the 2009-2010 Pre-Registration with us at this time. Van motioned to approve the budget, Phil seconded and all were in favor.

By-Laws – Beth made a motion to approve the OLPH Parish By-Laws & Constitution, Ann Marie seconded, and all were in favor. Todd will bring in the official copies at our next meeting.

NEW COMMISSIONS

Christian Service – Fr. Eric, Phil, Todd, Tom Yost and other members of the Christian service met a few weeks ago on a Saturday to discuss what exactly a Christian Service Commission would be and what it would do. It was well attended and a follow up meeting is scheduled for June 10th. October 1st is a full day kick off to a new Christian Service program in the Archdiocese for parish staff members, Pastoral Council Chairs, Christian Service Commission Chairs. This will bring everyone together in Indianapolis for a full day workshop. The National Director of Catholic Charities will be the key speaker.

Tent Event – Beth Duffy-Dries gave the council members a handout on the Tent Event meeting notes. Attendance was great. Beth covered Gaming, Children's Activities, Food, Entertainment, Stage, Volunteers, Auction, Marketing, Raffle and Financing. The event is scheduled for October 3rd beginning at 2:00pm with mass at 5:30Ppm.

Fr. Eric reported on the following:

Beginning of June, Tom Yost invited a representative from the Archdiocese Office of Stewardship Development to come down to talk about Planned Giving with our Stewardship Committee.

Our church purchased a new Yamaha Digital Clavinova and it sounds great. We will be connecting it to the sound system when the part needed comes in.

We are going to have another priest living with us the beginning of July – Father Matthew, a Carmelite from India, who will be the Chaplin at Providence High School during the week and the administrator of three parishes in Perry County for the weekends. He is excited to be coming here.

Vocations – We haven't met since we hosted the dinner with the Archbishop in April (seven young men attended the dinner). We cancelled the women's dinner here because there were not enough signed up so we invited them to attend the dinner with the Archbishop in Indianapolis.

We are doing something different this year – the Bishops Committee on Vocations has a suggested letter that they invite all pastors to send out to all graduating high school seniors congratulating them on their graduation and reminding them as they are thinking about future life choices don't rule out service as a priest or religious. Tomorrow those letters will be going out to all our high school seniors here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

NEW BUSINESS

As the year of St. Paul ends Pope Benedict has declared a new year – this is the 150th anniversary of the death of St. John Vinney who is the patron of parish priests, so this is going to be the year of priests starting June 19 of this year to June 19 of next year (we are not going to have an Ad-hoc committee).

It's not going to be like the year of St. Paul – nothing major.

The Lord's Kitchen Meal Program (a non-profit organization) will be preparing meals for take out to school age children and low income families. They will use the Wagner Hall kitchen to prepare the meals with a full staff on hand. They will use our kitchen and equipment to prepare the food and will pay for any repairs of equipment if needed. They will meet Monday thru Friday from 3:00pm – 5:00pm and Saturdays 9:00am-11:00am. They will be here for about two months starting the beginning of June. There is a signed contract stating we are not responsible for food poisoning etc. The Pastoral Council approved for this program.

Next Meeting: June 11, 2009

Closing Prayer – Beth Duffy-Dries

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann Marie Camarata, Secretary

