

Education Commission Minutes March 9, 2010

Members present were: Jim Conlen, Tina Howell, Lisa Juriga, Kathleen Metz and Brian Sangeorzan.

The evening opened with a gathering prayer led by Parish Life and continuing discussion of the Pope's encyclical with members of the other commissions.

Old Business:

Everyone confirmed that they had received last month's minutes via e-mail and that they were in order.

Discussion ensued regarding embellishments for our Powerpoint slides for the Assembly. Michelle, who was not able to attend the meeting, had previously said that she would try to track down pictures from various activities covered by our presentation. Apparently, circumstances have not allowed for that to happen so we discussed how we could acquire pictures. Lisa had spoken briefly to Janet Iamarino who has a CD with events for one calendar year at the parish that we can have to look through. This should cover sacramental events. Lisa will look through this and identify other areas not covered by Janet's pictures.

Once the gaps have been identified, Lisa will e-mail the rest of the commission to enlist their aid in collecting or producing any other pictures we need. Jim offered that once we have all pictures, he can enlist the aid of a co-worker to "dress up" our slides for the final presentation.

Fr. Tom stopped by. The only questions we had for him were regarding the upcoming Vicariate Vocations mass being planned by Kathleen. He ran through some of the details of what roles any visiting priests would have during the mass, seating for the priests, etc. We confirmed the date as May 18.

New Business:

Budget worksheets were reviewed by all members present. There was confusion about whether the columns represented proposed budget or current year budget and a column to submit proposed budget amounts for next year. In Michelle's absence, it was decided that we could not effectively discuss this so it was tabled until the April meeting. Any members who missed the meeting will have copies of the budget mailed to them (Michelle, please have Betty send these out). Before next month, everyone is asked to review the information and identify any line items they believe can be adjusted downward in an effort to trim the budget. We will finalize the budget recommendations in April

Reports:

Vocations:

Kathleen reported that she attended the March 2 Vicariate Council and presented her plans for the Vocations mass. They were well received. Kit Wojcik from Parish Life will oversee the social on that night. The Vocations Committee met. They wrote prayers of the faithful for the Mass, confirmed that the Vocations fair following the mass would take place in the Activities Building and discussed that Dennis Strach will be present to serve as an Acolyte and to give testimony about discernment. He will be joined by 3 other people who will also share their stories of discernment. Invitations to the mass will be mailed to area Catholic schools and Vicariate parishes by the end of next week.

There were no other reports.

The meeting was closed at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Juriga

St. Andrew Worship Commission

March 9, 2009

Members Present: Sister Rebecca, Fr. Tom Slowinski, Betty Strnad, Fran Lavery, Leah Smarsch, Gary Putz, Vic Neeley, Rosemary Lynch, Mary Beins, Joanne Stange, Tony Wojcik, Janet Iamarino, Joan Faoro, Paul Bozymowski, Kay Dodson

Holy Week Planning

Tenebrae and Morning Prayers

Tenebrae will be held Holy Thursday beginning at 11:00 p.m.
There will be morning prayers Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

2010 Lenten Mission

The 2010 Mission will be the focus of the Lenten program. The Worship Commission will ask the Greeters at all Masses to distribute invitational flyers for the Lenten Mission in advance of the event. An announcement will also be placed on the website. Father will write about the Mission in the bulletin and talk about it at Mass.

Important Lenten Services

March 18: Reconciliation Service

March 21 — March 24: Parish Mission including mornings and evenings

March 28: Palm Sunday

April 1: Holy Thursday—7:30 p.m. Mass and Tenebrae at 11:30 p.m.

April 2: Good Friday—8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and 1:00 p.m. Services

April 3: Holy Saturday—8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer and 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Services

April 4: Easter Sunday—regular Mass schedule and 11:00 a.m. Mass in Activities Building

April 10: Centering Prayer

April 11: Divine Mercy Sunday

Centering Prayer

Paul Bozymowski has joined the Worship Commission. Paul discussed the initial Introductory Workshop, which will be held April 10 from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The Introductory Workshop lasts one day and six 1½ -hour Saturday sessions follow. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin the weekend of March 21 and a notice will be sent to the Vicariate. In addition, an announcement will be made at morning Mass. Books for purchase on Contemplative Outreach will be available. The focus is to encourage fellowship, and to teach others the purpose and technique of centering prayer in order to strengthen their relationship with God and one another. Coffee and pastries will be included as well as a light lunch. RSVP and pre-registration is encouraged. Questions can be directed to Paul at pauleboz@hotmail.com.

Discussion of Services in Cases of the Absence of a Priest

The Worship Commission discussed the praying of the Liturgy of the Hours for those occasions that a priest is not available. There are books available now, and a training

schedule is being planned for lectors, prayer leaders and Mass Coordinators, who would lead the service.

Friday Morning Mass

A decision has not been made whether to eliminate Friday morning Mass. First Friday Mass would remain at its current time. The Worship Commission will continue to discuss with Father whether to continue or eliminate the Friday morning Mass. The possibility of Exposition rather than Mass was discussed. Father said the ideal situation would be for all parishes to coordinate when to have one daily Mass to be shared by all. Then an additional 6:15 a.m. Mass or evening Mass could be made available.

Parish Assembly

Father Tom has met with Rick Fournier, and preparations for the Parish Assembly are on schedule. The Worship Commission, with Juanita Mallmann as liaison, has submitted all information and the required presentation.

Budget Preparation

Joan Faoro said the Worship Commission is operating within its planned budget, and reminded the Commission that if there are any needs for next year, they should be submitted now. The budget year is from July 1 to June 30.

Handouts at the meeting included:

The Method of Centering Prayer brochure

Who Is God? Informational sheet in conjunction with Centering Prayer

Budget printout

Definitions of groups within the Worship arena

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beins

some pre-determined date. She is a Holy Family mother and member of St. Irenaeus Parish.

After the brief presentation, the author departed and the Commission discussed the request. Fr. Tom does not want to set a precedent of having a revolving door of people or organizations hawking wares at church. He suggested that we combine requests into one market weekend held during Advent, a Christmas shopping market.

Sarah will send a letter to the author to advise her that we are considering options, but it will not be an individual book signing weekend; we will contact her once a possible format is determined.

February 9 Minutes. February meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

CPR Training. Ed Ryder, Art Haman, Gerry Kraft and Tom Sullivan attended. Gerry reported that training went well. Dave Papandreas conducted the training and approximately thirty people took part. An observation was that more ushers need to be trained. Art reported that approximately ten people are needed to coordinate efforts when an emergency takes place. A checklist for emergencies is needed with instructions including one person only is to call 911 (do we have one posted somewhere in church?) Checklist for emergencies. 911 – only one call. The intent is to have all the necessary equipment on hand and organized in one place.

Financial Report. Sunday collections are still down; however, the parish is currently at 98.6% of Budget. Christmas collection brought us up to this level. Commissions and Staff are asked to watch their spending and project a lower budget for next fiscal year.

Discussion regarding boiler replacement for HFRS. The boiler is more than 50 years old. Art commented that we should be able to take money from parish account with the Archdiocese of Detroit to cover the cost. Also, Tom LaCross mentioned that there are favorable purchase, rebate, etc. terms available that should be investigated and he will investigate.

Assembly Update. Sylvia reported that Stewardship members need to determine what part of the program they wish to work and, in addition, they need to be present for the session where their part of the program is presented.

- a. Art will be the contact person for the Commission on the presentation PowerPoint.
- b. Babysitting will not be available.
- c. Tom LaCross distributed the presentation for review. Any changes go to Tom ASAP so he can give the presentation to Pat.
- d. Michael commented that the dark coloring may be difficult to see when projected. Tom will do a test run on it.
- e. PowerPoint and Word documents are due to Rick by Tuesday March 16.
- f. Art – there will be focus at each session for whichever commission date.
- g. The Stewardship program will be a training session for parishioners' education regarding the Stewardship Commission and Stewardship way of life.
- h. Marc commented that Joe Soncrant did a presentation on "what a stewardship Parish is and does." This will be incorporated into the presentation.

6. Other Business.

- a. Holiday Market Committee. Sarah and Pat volunteered to develop proposal
- b. Communication Report.
- Pat will find out who replaced Tom Sullivan.

- Sylvia suggested we all take turns writing articles for the Bulletin.
- Art stated that Stewardship Communication, including Bulletin articles will be on the agenda as needed.
- c. Stewardship Commission hosts the April meeting.
 - Marc - Opening Prayer Service
 - Michael - Dessert
 - Ed - Wine
 - Sylvia - Appetizer
 - Marc - Pop

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next Stewardship Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Elliott
Stewardship Commission Member

Christian Service Commission
Minutes for March 14, 2010 Meeting

Members present: Ron Anderson, Paula Bedsole, Dianne Bubnar, Mary Coyle, Alyson Denyer, Kathy Diewald, Kay & John Dodson, Val Fournier, Sarah Gildner, Ceil Mrock, Ceil Roccas, Joe Soncrant

Valerie opened the meeting and asked for approval of the minutes. Minutes were approved with no changes. Valerie welcomed Sarah to our meeting.

Reports

Tithing – Mary reviewed the list of recipients for February . The report will be found at the end of the minutes.

Parish Council and Vicariate -Kathy reported that Parish Life is expanding the Bereavement Ministry to have a youth branch for children who have experienced losses as well as for those who have lost children. The format of the Breakfast for Graduates will change in scope in order that more members of the graduates family can attend. There continues to be great feedback from the Mentoring Program. The Knights of Columbus continue with the Fish Fry on Fridays in Lent at the Community House. Stewardship reported that donations are down to 92% of former level. All Commissions minutes will be posted on the website. Worship informed that there will not be a morning Mass when the Rochester Schools are closed for snow days. Training for lay people to conduct a prayer service when no priest arrives is planned. Jim Keifer has been asked to serve as Facilitator for our Assembly meetings. He will join us for the April Commission meetings in order to become familiar with the various Commission and the activities and programs. Fr. Tom has contacted an agency to assist in setting up two tours to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the parish. One to the Holy Land in 2011 and another to Italy in 2012. A committee is being formed to discuss various activities and events that would be appropriate for the celebration of the Centennial. There is training scheduled in the use of the defibrillator and CPR. It is being offered to ushers, greeters and others.

Dianne told of the Vicariate Meeting on March 11th at St. Paul's . There will be soup served and the speaker is Fr. Timothy Radcliffe O.P. The next A.C.T.S. training is being held at St. Mary of the Hills on April 17th. The Archdiocesan Pastoral Council is being formed. It will have lay members.

Coordinator - Joe reported that he has received an invitation from Forgotten Harvest to visit their facility and become better acquainted with their program. Joe will set up a field trip there for a Saturday so more can visit the program. Joe announced that a dramatic presentation of the life of Vianney will be presented on March 23 – 31 at four different sites. All performances begin at 7:00 p.m. The sites are at Sacred Heart Seminary on the 23rd, Shrine of the Little Flower on the 24th, Southgate and Temperence. Joe will post the notice on the bulletin board. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of priests. This is planned

in light of the year for priests. Joe showed us the recent issue of Focus. This issue focuses on basic human rights. He is considering ordering many copies for distribution to the parish members. The Commission encouraged him to do so. Pax Christi is having a conference on March 27th at Mercy High School. Kathy Kelly will be the keynote speaker. Registration slips were distributed so those interested can send in registrations. The budget is up for review. Joe expressed that he thought that we all had a working knowledge of the budget and in the past thought it just had to be tweaked. He has worked on the budget and since the Easter Basket and Giving Tree programs pay for themselves, he is deducting \$1000.00 from each program. The group approved the changes.

Commission Chairs - The Parish Manual is up for yearly review. Valerie reported that she updated and reviewed the Christian Service section.

Red Cross Blood Drive – Ceil expressed her appreciation to everyone who helped out. 92 units were collected. That donation level and the general appreciation of the chili and cookies served were the positives. Unfortunately there were some long waits and new procedures to become accustomed to. The emphasis has to be on setting up appointments as that is the basis on which the number of nurses and staff is determined. The letter writing to the troops while donors were waiting yielded 30 letters. These were taken to Terry at Modetz, who gets them to chaplains who know who could use a lift that the letters bring. All commended Ceil on chairing this challenging program these many years.

Lenten Soup Supper – The group was pleased with the speaker, Fr. Peter Doherty, and his inspiring message. The soups were great and enjoyed by all. The attendance was less than previous years. Wednesday rather than Friday will be scheduled in the future. Joe has approached Fr. Tom who is open to accepting Fr. Doherty's offer to share the pulpit and offer Peace Training at our church.

Easter Basket program - The cutting of the eggs occurs on Wednesday and the hanging occurs on Saturday. The numbers are the same as in previous years. The names of recipients comes from Neighborhood House and Crossroads. Plants go to Medilodge patients and Meals on Wheels recipients. A little card with a greeting from St. Andrew will accompany the plant. Sr. Bonnie has contacts with Sisters in inner city parishes to whom the surplus is given for the needy.

Care and Share – The response for the babies was huge. In May puzzles, personal care and pajama bottoms will be requested for Veterans. Ron will check to see if there are any specific needs at this time These items will be taken to the Veterans Hospital in Detroit. Alyson has the name of the gentleman that spoke of the need and inspired many to write letters. He will be asked to write an article for the bulletin. It was proposed that we have a box in which letters for veterans can be placed. These will be collected regularly and taken to Modetz. Another letter writing event was discussed and Valerie will check the calendar for a Sunday in May. We will plan to serve coffee and cookies.

The next meeting is April 13th.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Coyle

Christian Service Commission

Tithing Report for February 2010

Inside USA

\$10,765.00

St. Vincent dePaul Conference

2,500.00

Neighborhood House

2,500.00

Covenant House

765.00

Catholic Correctional Chaplaincy – Oakland County

500.00

M.O.S.E.S.

500.00

Abigayle Ministries

500.00

Community In Schools

500.00

Community Sharing

500.00

Criminal Justice Ministry

500.00

St. Suzanne & Our Lady Gate of Heaven Outreach

500.00

Poverty & Social Justice Reform

500.00

St. Mary Church (Monroe) SdVP

500.00

St. Elizabeth Church SvDP

500.00

Outside USA

\$3,589.00

CRS: Chile Disaster

1,589.00

R.I.S.E.S.

1,000.00

PIME

1,000.00

Parish Life Commission Minutes:
Meeting Date: 3/09/10

Attendance: Dick & Betsy Koerber, Rick Fournier, Mary Grace, Marie Jakubiak, Judy Cote, Kit Wojcik, Barbara Mihalic, Evan Reynolds, Pat Metz, visit by Fr. Tom.

Not Present::Pam Davis, Trica Delmastro, Betty Dobies, Kirsten Kesman, Kathy Shultz, Sue Siwek, Carol Sullivan.

New Member introduced: Denise Bell.

BEREAVED MINISTRY – Betsy Koerber

The Bereavement Ministry plans an inspirational training and review meeting for the members on March 13, 2010. Dr. Marilyn Gilbert has volunteered to make a presentation at this meeting – Dr. Gilbert was instrumental in the formation of this ministry five years ago.

St. Andrew Church has experience a large number of funerals since the first of the year. Some have been particularly tragic. Betsy asked the commission members to remember the grieving families in their prayers.

ELDERLY/HOMEBOUND – Mary Grace
Regarding the Homebound/Elderly Ministry:

In February I interviewed three new Partners for our Ministry. Two reside at Sanctuary of Bellbrook and one at a private residence. One lady has moved and one is hospitalized with a fractured hip. At present I have 27 active Ministers and 26 Partners. Regarding one of the gentlemen, I had a meeting with five Partners on February 16 to go over his special situation. His wife requested weekly visits at this time. This year every Partner will receive a laminated holy card with their Easter card. I am blessed with group of caring and committed Ministers.

MENTORING – Betty Dobies – (Ed Kainz, Sue Siwek, Nicole - Assistant Chairs)
February 25, 2010
“ONE-ON-ONE”

Eighteen of our Volunteers came to meet one-on-one with the jobseekers. Our attendance was 114 job seekers. Nicole Palomba, Assistant Chair, facilitated the One-On-One and closed the meeting with a prayer.

FUTURE MEETINGS

March 11, 2010
“HOW MONEY WORKS...
AND HOW TO GET IT TO WORK FOR YOU”
Presented by Cynthia Kot
District Leader, Primerica Financial Services

March 25, 2010
“THE INS & OUTS OF UPDATING YOUR SKILLS AND/OR KNOWLEDGE”
Presented by Lori Crose
Director of Professional Development
Center for Integrated Business, Research and Education
Oakland University’s School of Business Administration (SBA)

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS

On February 16, 2010, Dick Dobies, Website Manager, and I met with the leaders of several groups supporting the unemployed (mostly Catholic churches). The purpose of the meeting was to bring together the various group leaders to determine how we could share resources and eliminate duplication of information going out to job seekers. The meeting was hosted by St. Terese of Lisieux, Shelby Township. The number one project is to come up with a "common calendar" where all meetings and activities can be listed and accessed by everyone. Rick Fournier advised there are no 50 churches involved in the career mentoring program. They are planning a meeting in May, tied in with Oakland University, to strengthen interviewing skills.

Our next meeting will be on March 16, 2010, and will be hosted by St. Mary of the Hills, Rochester.

WELCOMING – Evan Reynolds

The next Newcomer Registration will be on March 14th following the 10:45 Mass. There were 18 new families registered in February. Denise Bell commented on her experience as a new parishioner; she suggested more socialization at the Newcomer Registration sessions. Pat Metz advised the staff is working on a Power Point presentation for Newcomer Registration.

PARISH COUNCIL - Kathy Shultz

February 23rd meeting:

All Commission and Parish Council meeting minutes are now available on the St. Andrew website.

Highlights:

Christian Service: Soup Supper and Blood Drive were held in February. Joe Soncrant said in Review of Christian Service Outreach efforts, out of 4700 Families registered approx. 60% of children don't attend Mass. This figure is in keeping with previous years studies. 75 bags of towels and underwear were donated through Care & Share weekend to be donated to Hope Warming Centers in Pontiac.

Education: There are 220 First Communicants this year and there will be 280

Confirmation Candidates for the fall Sacramental celebration. The Vocation Mass is

scheduled for May 18th at 7:00 PM. Following Mass a Vocation Fair will be held in the A/B with representatives from several Religious Orders. All four Vocation Lifestyles will be highlighted at the fair, Single Life, Married Life, Consecrated Religious Life and Ordained Ministry

Parish Life: The Bereavement Ministry is looking into a suggestion that would add a special outreach for youth who need help dealing with loss and grieving. St. Patrick

Dinner Dance is March 13th. K of C fish fries will continue through Good Friday. This year the Daughters of Isabella are assisting at the weekly fish fries.

Stewardship: December and Christmas collections were a little larger than collections for previous months. CPR training was held on February 13th with 32 people attending.

Good information presented regarding how to react to possible medical emergency at Mass. First Aid boxes will be replenished with suggested medical supplies.

Worship: Continued discussion regarding possible ending of Friday morning Mass. The

Mass will continue until at least May 7th. Policy in effect that no morning Mass will be offered whenever Rochester area schools are closed due to weather conditions.

Commission will review Quiet Prayer, which has a very low attendance.

Staff: Fr. Tom reported that Lenten newsletter was finally mailed and that the parish will be using a private mailing company to send all future newsletters.

Mark Baker will be returning to work in March after being out on disability leave.

Penance Service scheduled for March 18th.

Parish Assembly: Moderator has been named Mr. Jim Kiefer will run all Parish Assembly meetings in September/October 2010.

Parish Mission: Scheduled for March 21st through March 24th. Mission of a Lifetime.

St. Andrew 100th Anniversary: Fr. will consider chair and or co-chair after the Parish Assembly. Currently several ideas, including two possible pilgrimages, one to Italy and one to Holy Land. There is also a woman writing a history of St. Andrew Parish. All ideas are gratefully accepted.

PARISH NURSES: - Pat Metz

Pat advised that the Blood Pressure Checks in the chapel has been more successful since it is a more comfortable setting for people – seating and privacy. There were 26 blood pressure checks this month.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – Rick Fournier

Our first fish fry will be on Fridays at the Community House. There will be a total of 7 Friday fish fries with the last one on Good Friday. Once again we will conduct a raffle to raise monies to help support our charitable works, with the first prize of \$1000.00 - drawing held on Good Friday.

The Daughters of Isabella have been helping this year and hope to do some recruiting. The second week they were sold out. They served over 400 meals.

VICARIATE - Kit Wojcik –

March 11th Assembly at St. Paul's Albanian Church will feature speaker Fr. Timothy Radcliffe. There has been a good response to registration and a good turnout is expected. The Vicariate budget is being reviewed and Pastors of all Vicariate Churches are being asked to continue their financial support at the same percentage used in the 2010 budget. (Fr. Tom is going to review the request)

The new Regional Moderator for the Northeast Vicariate is Fr. Tim Hogan who replaces Bishop Flores who has been reassigned to Texas.

A survey taken after the September Hispanic Gathering has gotten good feedback from attendees, they were overall well pleased with the effort.

DAUGHTERS OF ISABELLA – Marie Jakubiak

We held our monthly meeting on March 4th in the Multi-purpose room. We discussed the recent meeting in the Parish office conference room to make rosaries. 3 of our members were present at that meeting and one of them is showing their mother how to make rosaries. Some of the rosaries are variations from the traditional style (colored beads on white cord/black beads with black cord). It was fun to see people express their own color selections as they made the rosaries.

We also had some discussion of the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. We have had several ladies at each of the dinners to wait tables, vacuum and help with dish-washing/drying. This has given us a relationship with the Knights that hasn't been there before.

Last Friday evening I sent a batch of membership scrolls with one of the Knights to pass out at their meeting (same night as PLC). We have also been asked (and have accepted) their invitation to assist them with their Golf Outing. We are also contributing desserts for the Fish Fries.

We spent some time on Advent by Candlelight. We want to develop a theme so we can get the music and programs printed early. Last year, we waited until the fall to plan. Now that we have one of these events under our belts, we want to develop the program with a more Catholic theme. Everyone will be looking over options and we will discuss this again next month.

We also are considering getting established to help with Texas Hold-ems as a fundraiser. We have been limited in our fund-raising abilities thus far. As we understand it, we need to get certified and then we only need to provide people to handle the monies the evening of the event. Due to the limited number of women we have, this seems to be a fit. We will accumulate the information to get certified as a charitable organization by the State and move forward.

Lastly, we had a presentation from Greti's Helping Hands. The presentation gave us some great ideas for assisting the elderly in our lives. Greti Wreford provides a non-medical home care service but shared ideas about how to gently suggest clearing of old accumulated items, cleaning out of purses, taking of showers more frequently and other challenges we face with elderly loved ones. We found the information helpful and sincerely presented.

Our next regular meeting will be April 8th in the Upper Level Parish Center (second Thurs) due to the Holy Week – Holy Thursday observations. We will also meet sometime in late March to have another rosary making class (date not yet determined). We would like to continue monthly rosary making if time permits.

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

Pat Metz distributed the budget worksheets for 2010-2011. Discussion was held regarding the proposed budget. In response to questions from the commission, Pat Metz will request a breakdown of previous expenses by ministry.

St. Patrick's Day Dance was discussed. Ticket sales have been slower than previous year; the commission requested a breakdown of expenses. It is believed that this event is financed by the attendance.

NEW BUSINESS DISCUSSION:

Hospitality following the Parish Mission on Wednesday evening, March 23rd, was discussed. Mary Ann Crawford has volunteered to organize the light refreshments; wine will not be served.

Reception for RICA Class and families in the Activities Building following Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 3rd, was discussed. Sue McCoy will coordinate the reception.

Discussion was held regarding hospitality following the Vicariate Vocation Mass followed by the Vocation Fair in the Activities Building. Kit Wojcik will chair this reception on Tuesday evening, May 18th, and coordinate with Kathy Metz, the chairman of the event. There have been a great number of churches and schools invited to attend this event and it was determined that we need to have an idea of the attendance to plan for refreshments. Due to the budget situation it was decided to invite members of the

commissions to volunteer to donate desserts, finger foods, etc. for this event.

There will be a Continental Family Graduation Brunch on Sunday, June 6, 2010.

St. Andrew 100th Anniversary Celebration:

Rick Fournier requested input from the members regarding ideas for the 100th Anniversary celebration. He advised that Father Tom has proposed two pilgrimages to celebrate the event – one to the Holy Land and one to Rome. It has been suggested that a committee be formed to plan 100th Anniversary events. We want to cover a variety of events that will include all ages of the community.

It was suggested that an outdoor Mass followed by a Parish Picnic would be an inclusive celebration. Kit suggested community service projects that could involve the youth as well.

Rick advised that Father Tom was approached by an individual who has volunteered to write a history of the parish. It was suggested that an article be published in the bulletin and on the website to request historical information that could be included.

Respectfully Submitted: Kathy Shultz/Betsy Koerber

ST. ANDREW PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Minutes of Meeting
February 23, 2010

Present: Father Tom Slowinski, Dianne Bubnar, Gregg Christensen, Kathy Diewald, Rick Fournier, Deacon Marc Gemellaro, Janet Iamarino, Michael Kasmicski, Betsy Koerber, Gerry Kraft, Juanita Mallmann, Brian Sangeorzan, Kathy Shultz, Kit Wojcik
Absent: Brian Sangeorzan
Guest: Art Haman

Opening Prayer:

The opening prayer was offered by Kathy Shultz

Reflection:

A general discussion was had regarding Pope Benedict XVI's Encyclical, *Caritas in Veritate*, Chapter IV, The Development of People – Rights and Duties in the Environment.

Approval of the Minutes:

The minutes of the January 26, 2010 meeting were approved as submitted.

Report Highlights:

Christian Service Commission

Kathy Diewald

Suggestions were offered for the 100th Anniversary celebration.
Involvement in building a home; i.e. Habitat for Humanity – parish participation
Host a Mark Tisdale Benefit Concert
Joe Soncrant reported taking 75 bags of needed items to Hope Warming Center.
The Blood Drive had a good turnout. The Red Cross was very well organized. We served a luncheon of homemade chili which was appreciated.
The commission reviewed the Power Point presentation for the Parish Assembly. John Dodson did a wonderful job developing the presentation.

Education Commission

Gregg Christensen

The commission discussed the Vicariate Vocation Mass May 18th at 7:30 p.m. It was decided that there is a need to publicize this event, especially to young people. The Mass will be followed by a Vocation Fair in the Activities Building.
Michelle Szczepanski reported there are 220 children in the First Eucharist Class. There are 270 Confirmation candidates.

Parish Life Commission

Kathy Shultz

Bereavement Ministry has experienced a great number of funerals since the first of the year. Dr. Marilyn Gilbert has volunteered to conduct a training and review meeting for the Bereavement Ministry on March 13th.
The next Newcomer Registration is scheduled February 14 following 10:45 Mass.
Knights of Columbus will conduct seven Fish Fry events on Fridays during Lent. The Daughters of Isabella are assisting.
Mentoring Ministry is continuing to conduct sessions to assist the unemployed. The ministry has 11 new volunteers who have agreed to facilitate meetings along with the established

volunteers. Fifty other churches have established programs modeled on the St. Andrew Program.

The Daughters of Isabella are evaluating having meetings at neighboring parishes to invite membership.

Stewardship Commission

Mike Kasmieski, Gerry Kraft

The budget is at 102%; however collections are lower. The Christmas collection at 137% helped. Actual year-to-date collection is at 92%.

Expenses seem to be in line. There were improvements required to the gas line and the sidewalks.

Archdiocese of Detroit parish assessment will increase from 6 to 7% beginning the fiscal year 2010.

Vicariate

Dianne Bubnar, Kit Wojcik

Joe Strong, Vice President of Development for Guest House, gave a presentation on fundraising methods.

Hispanic Gathering Survey Results were distributed. Of the approximately 300 people who attended, 78 surveys were returned.

Finance Committee Report was presented. The largest items are fixed costs – Vision 2000, Notre Dame debt payoff. Unresolved issues are Oakland County Jail Chaplaincy will not receive funding from AOD in the future and the AOD will cover salaries and benefits for the Genesis Ministry but no expenses.

The Spring Assembly will be March 11 at St. Paul Albanian Church.

The Vicariate representatives were asked to find out if their parishes will be willing to support the Vicariate with the same subsidy for the next year. Father Tom advised that he would like to think about this and discuss the issue with Mark Baker. He commented that we have forgone many things at the parish; we are tithing and we have commitments to Holy Family School.

Worship Commission

Juanita Mallmann, Janet Iamarino

Friday morning Mass is under consideration. There will be no A.M. Mass when school is closed for inclement weather.

Training for absence of priest will be offered to Mass coordinators and leaders of prayer.

Quiet Prayer service will be evaluated at the May meeting. Attendance is very low.

Centering Prayer is scheduled to begin April 10, 17, 24, etc.

Discussion was held regarding the rare circumstances when a priest is not available. Father Tom advised he sets the schedule for the priests. He takes the Masses that other priests are not available.

Staff

Father Tom

There was a problem sending the Lent Newsletter. The Post Office has made it extremely difficult to continue to mail these newsletters due to their reduction in staff. There is a company in Pontiac who will handle this for us in the future. Everyone should have received the Lent Newsletter. All Lent activities are listed in the newsletter.

Mark Baker will be returning on a part-time basis in March. He has experienced some setbacks.

Father Tom will be away for a week – Masses are all covered.

Chairman

Rick Fournier

The commission minutes and the parish council minutes will be put on the website. Minutes should be sent to Betty Nolan at the parish office.

Focus Item:

Parish Assembly – Rick advised he and Father Tom met with the facilitator, Jim Kiefer. He

was very complimentary of the work already done. Rick has sent him all the presentation materials, the mission, the goals and outline for the process. Jim Kiefer has great ideas that he will put together and get back to us. By the end of this month we will have the Power Point presentations completed. Rick made the presentations plain; however, they will be dressed up afterwards – it will be up to each commission to do this. Rick advised we are in good shape for now. After Easter is when things will be very busy.

There will be one facilitator – he will do every session. He recommends that we provide a secretary to take notes and to be responsible for the “Parking Lot” ideas outside the main discussion. People who make suggestions at the assembly must give their name, address and telephone numbers. This is to ensure everything is clarified. Father Tom has known Jim Kiefer for many years.

Babysitting will not be offered during the assembly sessions.

It has been determined the building will hold about 300 people. When we have that number registered, we will put people on a waiting list.

Jim Kiefer will come to the commission meetings in April and meet with each commission.

The Word Document of the presentations will be on line – not the Power Point presentation.

Parish Mission, March 22, 23, 24

Father Tom has asked the staff not to schedule any other activities during the mission sessions. He asked Parish Council members to encourage attendance at the Mission.

Action Items:

St. Andrew 100th Anniversary Celebration

Two pilgrimages have been suggested: The Holy Land in 2011 and Rome in 2012. These would be self-funded trips.

It was suggested we should have a committee to plan the 100th anniversary celebration – we need someone to keep it organized. We want a variety of events which will involve the various members of the community. Father Tom will think about candidates to chair and lead the committee.

Life Saving Class and Next Steps

Dave did a super job in CPR training; he talked about the environment; what can happen; what we need to do. The program lasted about three hours. Thirty-two people attended the training.

We have a lack of life-saving tools. We will work with the head of the ushers to put together everything we need to have and put the kit on the wheelchair so it is available in case of emergency. Rick suggested we have another life-saving session for those who were unable to attend.

Father Tom said a great concern is the parking lot – the difficulty for emergency vehicles to get through when the lot is crowded. It is worst at the school Masses.

Respectfully submitted:

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