

PAX CHRISTI PASTORAL COUNCIL

MAY 21, 2009

Office Round Table

7-9 p.m.

Members Present: Father Joe Keefe, Father Caesar Dralega, Miguel Paz Randy Horlocker, Bryan O'Brien, Gene Plutowski, Greg Sherman, Pete Streit

Members absent: Pat Fallon, Julie Andrist and Trustee: Teresa Silker.

Opening Prayer

Miguel Paz, First Officer, read the weekly Gospel according to Mark. Meditation and sharing followed.

BUSINESS

- I. **Welcome** to new Pastoral Council members: Bryan O'Brien and Julie Andrist.
- II. **Officer Selection** for 2009-2010 year: Randy Horlocker was selected as First Officer; Greg Sherman as Second Officer.
- III. **Youth Activity Center:** Angie Slattery
 - a. Angie shared a plan for a Youth Activity Center at Pax Christi. She distributed a document on the history of Youth Ministry in the parish over the last four years. The numbers have grown from 10 to 120 youth attending on a regular weekly basis.
 - b. An anonymous donor has offered to fund the building project. Such a financial contribution speaks volumes on the value of our youth and young adults. The parish is fortunate to have this generous contribution; however the parish would need to accept the responsibility for ongoing support and maintenance of the building.
 - c. A preliminary architectural design was shared.
 - i. Location will be on the south hill side just west of current church building.
 - ii. The reason the building is not attached to the current structure is due to underground gas and water lines.
 - d. There is a desire to break ground this summer.
 - e. Fr. Keefe indicated he would like to present the project to the parish the weekend of July 4 & 5.
 - f. The Youth Center ties directly to the parish strategic initiative regarding the youth and young adults.
- IV. **Eagle Scout Project:** Jordan Treder
 - a. Jordan: Eagle Scout, 8th grader at St. Francis, parishioner at Pax Christi
 - b. Project: Replace rectory window wells, which have already been purchased by the parish. Adult Supervision will be present.
 - c. Scouts will also clean up the trees behind the rectory of brush and haul away.
 - d. Work to be completed by middle of June.
 - e. Fr. Keefe asked about potential landscape options to cover the broken limbs on the evergreen tree behind the rectory. Greg Sherman volunteered to meet with Father Keefe and Scout Leader to discuss options.
 - f. Council voted unanimously to approve the estimate cost of materials for the project as presented by Jordan.
- V. **Pastoral Council Listening Session** report by Greg Sherman.
 - a. In addition to Ministry Fair, ministry leaders would like to meet 2-3 times a year.
 - b. Need to help ministries find other ways to communicate their ministry.
 - c. Ministry leaders make another level of commitment/giving. How might the Council assist - deferred to fall of 2009.
- VI. **Parish Historian.** A need to archive published articles, etc. Deferred to fall of 2009.

VII. Parish Finances, Budget.

- a. Adult giving currently down compared to last year and to budget.
- b. Diocesan Appeal
 - i. Last year, contributions were approximately \$13,000 over target.
 - ii. Any amount contributed over the target, comes back to the parish, if it used for a designated project.
- c. The number of new families is more than number of families leaving parish.

VIII. Habitat for Humanity – sponsored by 23 area faith communities.

- a. Pax Christi is one of the faith communities.
- b. Present representatives from Pax: Gene Plutowski, Miguel Paz, Gordon Klomps.
- c. This is different than the traditional Habitat for Humanity project. The area faith communities are asked to do the fundraising.
- d. Currently in need of a Pax ‘Point Person’ as a coordinator of all aspects from fund raising to the organizing volunteers.

IX. Communication Initiative

- a. Current parishioners who have volunteered to assist with the strategic initiative on communications: Shelly Plutowski and John Ackerman
- b. Who might lead the initiative?
 - i. Greg Sherman met with John Ackerman from Rochester Chamber of Commerce. Suggested Pax seek an intern for the summer.
 - ii. Greg will pursue.

X. Thank You notes

- a. Neighborhood Garden Project: Tim Hassencamp, Mike Burns
- b. First Communion: Joyce and Diane
- c. Confirmation: Angie Slattery

XI. Next Meeting.

Third Tuesday of Month: June 16, 7 p.m., Round Table. Presenters: Young Adult Ministry.

Closing

First Officer, Miguel Paz thanked everyone for all their efforts, time commitment and dedicated work. Greg Sherman offered the closing reflection prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Wagner, Recording Secretary