

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
October 13, 2010

Pastoral Council Members Present: Ken Jacks, Fr. Les Kish, Mark Brigham, Carlene Skelton, Tammy Hasenoehrl, Sarah Schumaker, Bill Neumayer, Deb Snyder, Fr. Julio Vicente, Joyce Majure

Guests: Shelley Dyer, Jessica Goodman

❖ **Opening Prayer -Bill**

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Bill. Those present introduced themselves to Fr Julio Vicente.

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

Carlene moved the minutes of the September 11, 2010 meeting be approved. Tammy seconded. The motion carried.

❖ **Adult Formation-Shelley**

Shelley began by recalling the last report she had given to the council was to report some of the community felt the parishes focus was lacking in spirituality. The Adult Faith Formation Commission responded by creating various spiritual growth opportunities. A parish wide small group questionnaire presented a wide spectrum of spiritual growth topics. When the results were compiled, the top requests became the commissions' initial areas of focus. Over the summer they trained 27 small group facilitators in three sessions. In September & October small groups began meeting with about 70 participants. They hope the small groups will continue into Advent and do another session in the spring. Also out of the small group questionnaire they learned that the greatest interest was in the topic, "Being Catholic in the Modern World." Because it is such a broad category, they thought they would offer several opportunities to be formed on the subject. The first will be a workshop on November 6th, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the All Saints Lourdes social hall. The presenter, Dr. Patrick McCormick is a professor from Gonzaga University. His presentation will address the following questions, (1) "How can Catholics participate in a global religious chorus with so many different faiths singing their praise?" (2) "How can a Catholic symphony make room for the growing chorus of and female voices?"

Before the date of the Community Dinner, December 11, 2010, had been announced the commission made arrangements with Dr. Jack Buchner to present on that date the St. Monica Ministry to our community. The St. Monica Ministry addresses the issue of "fallen away" Catholics and particularly the children and other family members of parishioners. This workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. The commission is very sorry this date conflicts with the community dinner. They have attempted to move this presentation date, and unfortunately final travel arrangements have already been secured. Any change in those arrangements at this point would result in a significant expense to us.

Mark asked how the commission was promoting these offerings. Shelley replied they will be published in the bulletin, verbal announcements will be made, and invitations & fliers will be sent to the parishes of our deanery as well as Holy Family in Clarkston.

Deb remarked she was glad the commission had asked the parishioners what they wanted offered and then acted to offer those topics.

Shelley further reported the M.O.F.I.A. Group she helped start is going to start meeting quarterly at a restaurant for a casual dinner with a presenter. The first meetings presentation is titled "Faith and Football" and Fr. Caleb Vogel will be the presenter.

Shelley concluded by stating the commission is always interested in any requests or ideas the Pastoral Council has for them. They meet monthly, generally on the 4th Thursday in the fireside room of the parish center at All Saints St. Stanislaus. She extended an invitation to any council member who would like to join them at those meetings or submit agenda items.

❖ Youth Ministry Report-Jessica

Jessica distributed her plan of work for the coming year. Sarah explained each area addressed in her work plan falls under a direct area of responsibility in her job description. The purpose of the work plan is to assure Jessica is successful in meeting the responsibilities outlined in her job description.

There have been 2 youth group meetings so far this year attended by about 70 youth. Incorporating the 6th grade into the Junior High group and forming a middle school youth group appears to have been an effective strategy. Jessica has witnessed this age groups attendance go from approx. 2-5 youth last year to approx. 14-20 youth this year.

There are over 20 youth looking at being confirmed this year. Jessica has spent the past two weeks meeting with potential Confirmation candidates conducting entrance interviews. Confirmation preparations classes formally begin on 10/18/2010. The program being used requires an adult resource group to facilitating and assist in other areas as well. When asked if attendance at youth group was required of potential Confirmandi, Jessica replied she cannot require they attend youth group but she would like to move in that direction and will continue to work with Fr. Les on this aspect. She explained the youth program in Moscow requires youth to have a 70% attendance rate the year of Confirmation and the preceding year.

The Life Teen program being instituted this year requires a lot more adult help. Our program is in urgent need of a resource pool of adults, aged 21 and up, willing to commit to two Sundays a month, October – May from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Jessica asked the council if they could please compile a list of possible resources.

The council discussed in depth the structure of youth group and Confirmation preparation debating the merits of combining or separating the two.

❖ Parish Administrative Report-Sarah

Bill explained including Sarah as an agenda item was meant to give her an opportunity to offer a report and bring items to the councils' attention. The Parish Administrator position is something we are all growing into. Sarah stated she felt in this next year we will really formulate what her position is.

Sarah explained in her first month as parish administrator she has met with all the staff & the Directors of Religious Education. She has developed job descriptions for each position and she is working with Fr. Les on finalizing them.

She & Sheila will be cross training on Power Church this month. This will allow her to answer parishioner inquiries if they call on days when Sheila is not in the office. Also she is trying to work on how expenditures are handled.

She will be working with the scholarship committee in establishing an All Saints committee. Sarah has spoken briefly with Sue about the copier and will keep working toward a resolution on this issue.

The special event insurance has not been resolved. Apparently it is being enforced part of the time and waived part of the time. She will continue to work with Fr. Les to establish the All Saints policy in regards to insurance requirements. The Diocese sent out an internal controls report request. She has completed the report for each of the three sites. The report is now with Fr. Les for finalization.

In regards to youth coordinator, Jessica Goodman, Sarah assured the council she has been meeting with and working with Jessica to develop a work plan that assures goals are being met. The work plan distributed to the council by Jessica is meant to be a specific action plan which will help her accomplish the goals outlined in her job description. Sarah will try to help form her administratively. Sarah asked what the council is looking for from Jessica when she comes to the council meetings; do they want a report or does the council want to help her form the program. Bill stated they are there to support her but not solve her problems. The council affirmed it is looking for a report from Jessica. As a solution Jessica will be asked to present a 5 minute report to keep the Pastoral Council informed and lend help as necessary but the pastoral council will not be problem solvers.

❖ Building Report-Bill

- Bid

The bids for the building project are now in. The finance committee will be reviewing them. A business prospectus is

going to be projected by the Finance Committee. With the plan formulated we will know how to best proceed from this point to assure success.

Off-site improvements will be done to enhance the property.

❖ **Financial Report-Bill**

The council has made some changes to the budget and are requesting Sarah present those changes to the Finance Committee. Tammy reported meeting with the liturgy chairpersons and they assured her they are not spending any more than is absolutely needed for liturgical items.

❖ **Deanery Report-Tammy/Bill**

Bill stated he has had two calls, one from Audrey Steiner and one from current Deanery Pastoral Council representative Sherri Breeding.

• **Sherri Breeding**

Sherri reported she does not feel she has the ability to fulfill the duties of this position. She is willing to help on local level but does not feel she can continue in this position.

Bill asked if it seems the deanery is taking on a two way communication approach. Does that indicate we as a parish need to be better informed? Speaking from her experience as a former representative, Shelley clarified the format & function of the Deanery Pastoral Council has not changed it has just been brought to the forefront. With the Bishops' vision of *All at the Table* in its second year they have a definite mission and therefore the efforts and function has now become focused.

Fr Les affirmed what the diocese is trying to do is really very good. The challenge is the lay people aren't well catechized.

Deb pointed out this really brought out two missions:

- The importance of well informed deanery pastoral council representation
- Catechizing parishioners

The Deanery Pastoral Council meets quarterly and the Diocesan Pastoral Council meets semi-annually with representatives from the deaneries. Fr. Les stated our parish representative needs to be a specific person either from the council or a parishioner. This representative needs to understand *All at the Table* very well.

Fr Julio commented at Mtn. Home he was aware a lot what the Deanery Pastoral Council was doing was already being done by the Parish Pastoral Council. The Deanery Pastoral Council is kind of a bridge between the parish, deanery and diocese. Fr. Les further commented the Bishop wants the Deanery Pastoral Council to do the work set out for them, to bring forward the information from the Pastoral Councils of the deanery to the Diocese.

Bill suggested and the council agreed for the sake of effectiveness and time to come back to this topic next month.

• **Educational Session**

Do we need to have a few short educational sessions to our parish? Fr. Les suggested inviting the dean to come here and explain what the function of the Deanery Pastoral Council is along with a job description.

Shelley informed the council that the S.C.A.P. catechetical presentation that has been part of the mass opening for approximately a year is almost over and this would give a natural opening for a presentation to educate parishioners about what the Deanery Pastoral Council what it is, and what is its function is. Shelley will work with Fr. Brad Neely to formulate a series of educational presentations.

❖ **Tracking**

- Special Events insurance

Sarah informed the council this area needs more work to happen more consistently.

- Ordination of Chris Davies

A celebration Mass & reception are planned for Thursday, October 28, 2010 for 7:00 p.m. This All Saints event will be held at St. James.

- Unity Prayer

It was reported that implementation of the congregation led unity prayer came off somewhat well. It was agreed it still needs some work.

Fr. Les asked for the councils thoughts in regards to a Catholic bookstore retailer from Walla Walla who would like to offer a retail opportunity to All Saints parishioners in Advent. Ken pointed out since we lost our local resource it seems

we should offer something locally. The fact that the hospital gift shop offers a limited variety of items was pointed out. Tammy asked if the parish would receive a percentage of the sales. Fr. Les did not know. Tammy will contact the school (to give them the retailer's information to see if the sales would work) as a possible fundraiser. If it is a fundraising opportunity, and the school is not interested, it is suggested the parish library be approached as a possible fund raiser.

- **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the council will be November 10, 2010, 5:15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

- ❖ **Closing Prayer**

Deb led the final prayer.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Estes