

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
November 10, 2010

Pastoral Council Members Present: Ken Jacks, Fr. Les Kish, Carlene Skelton, Sarah Schumaker, Deb Snyder, Fr. Julio Vicente, Joyce Majure, Johanne Schmidt

Guests: Jessica Goodman, Sherri Breeding

❖ **Opening Prayer –Deb & Johanne**

Meeting called to order at 5:15 pm. The meeting was opened with prayer led by Deb.

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

Deb moved the minutes of the October 13, 2010 meeting be approved. Joyce seconded. The motion carried.

❖ **Deanery Pastoral Council Report- Sherri Breeding**

The council met in Moscow on Sunday November 7, 2010. They had a smaller than usual numbers of representatives attend. Larry O’Keeffe gave a summary of the Diocesan Deanery Pastoral Council meeting. Larry expressed to the deanery council he felt some things were missing which would make this is version of the minutes a draft.

The North Central Council discussed the need for a website for the deanery that would tie into the diocesan website. The deanery council felt they would have to pay to have the website built and would require a paid part time position to maintain the site once it was up and running. They envisioned such an endeavor would take time to bring to completion. Deacon George Canney will bring this topic up at the next Deanery meeting. The deanery council acknowledges there would be costs affiliated with a deanery website and would be looking to the parishes of the deanery for financing. Fr. Les was given the draft minutes. He requested Gail mail them out to council members. When asked his thoughts about the proposed website, Fr. Les felt we did not need a deanery website. Sherri reported she had submitted our diocesan requested Christ Centered Communities implementation report. The next deanery pastoral council meeting is scheduled for January 2, 2011 at St. Stanislaus at 2:00pm in the parish center. They will be looking for a new chairman at that meeting. Representation from the deanery as a whole is weak. Sherri would like a new representative for All Saints to attend that meeting.

Joyce asked Sherri what qualifications she thinks a representative should have. Sherri responded someone who has the ability to travel to Boise for the bi-annual meetings of Diocesan Pastoral Council and the annual Convocation as well as meetings four times a year of the Deanery Pastoral Council. Sherri is very willing to continue facilitating hospitality for the council meetings held in Lewiston if we can find a replacement representative for her on the council.

Deb asked about posting something in the bulletin about this position. Sarah reminded the council we had talked about having Fr. Brad Neely, Dean of the North Central Deanery, come to a council meeting to offer the council clearer insight into selecting a representative and that representatives role & duties. Sarah will follow up with Fr. Neely.

❖ **Youth Ministry Report-Jessica**

Attendance at weekly youth group is in the mid 40’s for 6th -12th graders. Confirmation preparation class consists of 29 youth. This is compared to 14 youth in 2009. Jessica is still working on recruitment of volunteers.

She & Fr. Julio met today & yesterday to discuss getting the Life Teen program going and will be continuing work on this.

Joyce asked if she had done any type of fundraising with Applebee’s. When Jessica replied she had not, Joyce told her she had learned of a group that had earned \$3,500.00 with one of these events. Jessica said she would definitely pursue this.

Jessica stated learning that reaching teens at a relational level was important to her has helped her a lot.

❖ **Parish Administrative Report-Sarah**

Sarah reported she & Fr. Les are still working on staff job descriptions. She & Sheila are working on cross training on the Power Church parish record keeping software.

They are anticipating probably after the first of the year, collection counting will all be done at St. Stan's on Mondays. She has been working on developing a new parishioner welcome process. They have begun making changes with the bulletin. Probably the first of year, will begin making some website changes

Deb brought up the ministerial needs of people who are possibly falling through the cracks. She asked if this is a ministry that is happening. Fr. Les answered saying No, this is a need we have in our parish. Fr. Les went on to explain the Parish Life Committee would normally oversee this type of ministry, but at this time it is pretty much a hit and miss deal. Fr. Les stated if we could firm up that ministry somehow it would be great. Deb thought maybe mentioning in bulletin if parishioners noticed someone was missing they could let the ministry know. She felt getting this out front would be good.

➤ **Approve budget 2010-2011**

The Council needs to have the opportunity to study the budget fully. Sarah will email the budget out to the members. Council should review it and email there vote to Sarah as quickly as possible.

When asked what the status was of implementing the diocesan required special insurance Sarah stated it is being done at St. Stanislaus.

❖ **Finance Committee Report**

➤ Finance committee members are contacting parish member that haven't participated in the 2010 Idaho Catholic Appeal. When asked if they had an idea of how many parishioners would be contacted, Fr. Les felt our participation was at about 42%.

❖ **Building Report-Ken**

➤ There is approximately 2 weeks until building permits are finalized. Most of this is dealing with LOID for water location and that sort of thing.

➤ No movement on the Our Lady of Lourdes property. It is believed interested parties are waiting for general council approval to come from Seattle. Interested parties were back at the property recently with an engineer. To date there is no offer.

➤ Kevin Poole is requesting Fr. Les contact the Pastor of Warner Alliance to see if they might be interested in a land swap for St. James. Kevin seems to think that they may entertain the idea. Kevin stated he would accompany Fr. Les, if he would like him to.

Joyce spoke with someone from Warner Alliance who informed her they were getting ready for a capital campaign and they have a preliminary set of plans. They have given a verbal long-term commitment for an entity to use a portion of the property they are planning to build on. Fr. Les will contact Kevin Poole to discuss Kevin's' thoughts.

Fr. Les received a memo from Keltic Engineering discussing the northern property boundary line at the building site. The correspondence is technically termed and caused some confusion in interpreting the material by both Fr. Les & the council members. Either Keltic or the Building Committee will be contacted for clarification.

Fr. Les has received a request for permits forms requiring signatures. He will seek clarification as to whether he can sign those documents or if it will need to be signed at diocesan level.

Joyce brought to the attention of the council there hasn't been anything published in bulletin from the council for awhile. The council discussed and summarized several items to report on.

❖ **Tracking**

Our Lady of Lourdes was contacted about an unusually high water bill for the church. It is being checked out.

• **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the council will be December 1, 2010, 5:15pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

❖ **Closing Prayer**

Deb led the council in the closing prayer.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Gail Estes*