

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
November 11, 2009

Members Present: Tammy Hasenoehrl, Fr. Les Kish, Bill Neumayer, Joyce Majure, Fr. Dat, Deb Snyder, Marilyn Blake, Ken Jacks, Johanne Schmidt

Guests: Laura Conner, Jessica Goodman, Merilynn Scharnhorst, Kevin Poole, Pat Nuxoll, Joe Hall, Kathy Snyder, Bill Stellmon

Meeting called to order at 5:20pm. The meeting was opened in prayer led by Fr. Dat.

Approval of Minutes

Joyce motioned the council meeting minutes of October 14, 2009 be approved. Tammy seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- **Presentation by Laura Conner, U.S. Census Bureau**

Laura explained the different levels of support the bureau is currently seeking from communities to ensure the success of the 2010 census. Nez Perce County had a 29% return in 2000 on the mail back census form. For the 2010 census a primary focus is encouraging people to simply return the questionnaire. The bureau is asking All Saints to partner with them by promoting the census. At this time they are asking we sign a proclamation to partner by displaying a poster and informational materials. Additionally they are recruiting census takers and Be Counted Sites to provide a means for people to be included in the 2010 Census who believe they did not receive a census questionnaire, think they were excluded from the questionnaire returned by the household in which they resided or who may have been without conventional housing during the last census.

Fr. Les asked when this would start. Laura replied the first step would be to put up posters at our sites now. Laura stated she was not asking for commitment now, but she would be leaving information for the council to look over.

The council ultimately decided to partner with the bureau by displaying posters at our 3 sites, making promotional materials available and possibly offering a Be Counted Site on a very limited basis.

- **Youth update**

Jessica reports they continue to have a consistent high school group of about 30 youth. She is getting some young adult volunteers. The youth are asking for more meeting time. They want more time in small group or hang out/activities with one another. Jessica has encouraged them to help find adult volunteers so the program can expand into these areas.

Jr. High is well in hand. Due to the smallness of the group it is very manageable.

Confirmation is going well. They just held an 8 hr. retreat. It was long and tiring but she is receiving positive feed-back from the participants.

Joyce referred to an email she had sent in response to the draft young adult survey Jessica compiled. She suggested adding a question regarding interest on the part of the person filling out the survey, and also an open ended question to allow for suggestions & comments. Joyce cautioned we be mindful that it is a different culture in the North Central Deanery than in the Boise area. The needs of singles not being the same as the needs of young married couples was pointed out.

Jessica went on to report to the council, a youth band is starting up. They meet on Thursdays. They are in the very beginning stages of establishing this band.

Jessica was in Boise last week for meetings with other youth ministers. While there, they went over the diocesan pastoral plan. She pointed out it really is a whole parish plan that focuses on a specific area each year.

The group of youth ministers discussed the 8 components of youth ministry. Jessica pointed out how we are all in this together. She relayed she is really needing some man power to allow her to offer more to the youth.

Bob Bailey works with 5 or 6 parishes in the Boise area as a young adult program coordinator. He has offered to come to Lewiston to scope out meeting places and suggest program ideas for All Saints. Jessica encouraged the council to take advantage of his offer. Bob suggested we just start the process. Begin by having events, judge our success and make future plans accordingly.

Marilyn suggested we revise our plans as we proceed. The council would like to utilize Nancy Johnston & Sarah Steiner-currently working with the Newman Club at LCSC-to help identify young adults the survey may miss. There is a need to pull together a census.

The council will bring young adult representative/representatives to the council's next meeting. The council plans to devote about half an hour of their meeting for conversation with the representatives.

Johanne will make contacts and arrangements for this representation to be at the December meeting.

Gail will find out if it is possible to get a compilation from the parish offices. If a report can be run, she will collect it for the council. The in pew survey will not be before the councils next meeting.

- **Update on Building Project**

Currently there are various parties interested in the purchase of each of the three properties.

- **Approval of billings submitted to date**

Bills before the council to approve for payment are:

- \$ 120,721.07 from MCM for 95% complete design work
- \$2,228.83 from Ken Griesemer
- \$2,644.50 from Whipple -balance of original scope of work. The city required additional work outside of the original scope of work. Fr. Les signed the addendum & this additional payment was approved.

The council in union with the building and finance committees found each of the submitted invoices was within the scope of their contracts. Payment of these bills was approved.

- A payment in the amount of \$226.50 for pledge redemption bookkeeper Merilynn Scharnhorst for work performed from 9/20/2009-10/17/2009 was submitted and approved for payment.

Gail will submit these bills to Jacque for payment.

- **Review of the budget fiscal year 09-10**

A draft budget for the current fiscal year was distributed for the council to review.

Pat Nuxoll pointed out the October offertory is down. A total of \$217,000 was taken in of \$248,000 budgeted. The weekly offertory collection data has been sent to the council.

In the first four months of this fiscal year, through October, there is a shortfall in envelope collections of \$28,000. Pat pointed out the individual breakdown for each church. . The collection is at 48% for first two weeks of November. The parish budget is symmetrical to the previous year's collection.

The Finance Committee is advising the council if this trend in collection envelope revenue continues we could be under budget approximately \$80,000+ for the current fiscal year.

- **Parish Administration Update**

There are no candidates currently in consideration for this position.

- **Executive meeting**

The meeting concluded in an executive session with the Finance Committee to discuss possible solutions for the fiscal shortfall.

- **Next meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the council will be December 9, 2009, 5:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Estes