

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
December 9, 2009

Members Present: Tammy Hasenoehrl, Fr. Les Kish, Bill Neumayer, Joyce Majure, Fr. Dat, Deb Snyder, Johanne Schmidt, Carlene Skelton, Ken Jacks, and Mark Brigham

Guests: Shelley Dyer, Jessica Goodman, Jessica Webster, Sherri Rothfusz, Rachel Gehring, Sarah Steiner

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

Approval of Minutes

Joyce motioned the minutes of the November 11, 2009 meetings be approved. Mark seconded. The motion was approved.

- **Lenten Mission-Shelley Dyer (March 7, 8, 9, 10, 2010)**

Shelley addressed the council as a representative from the adult faith formation commission.

Shelley explained they have come under some scrutiny for not offering as many faith formation activities while we have been in the building process. The commission was challenged to answer the question "What are we trying to do?" It seems we are spending a lot of time saying "let go of the buildings" and then we focus exclusively on the building. The commission feels it is time now to get back on a more spiritual track. The commission has planned a Lenten Mission entitled "Call to be full Catholic, Thrivor or Survivor?" for March 7, 8, 9 & 10, 2010. Fr. Russo has been invited to be the presenter. The mission will begin each evening at 6:30pm with Mass, followed by a presentation from Fr. Russo. There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation each evening.

The commission is seeking the support of the council by having at least one member at the initial organizational meeting on January 7, 2010 and assuring the council is visible during the mission whether helping in some capacity or just attending the mission.

The commission would like the council's help in making a step toward having a spirit-filled assembly move to the new building when the time comes.

Deb motioned the council accept the recommendation of the faith formation commission and support the mission. Johanne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

- **Youth update-Jessica Goodman**

Jessica reported Confirmation is going well. We have about 18 candidates. Youth group continues to have a steady number of core group youth involved and some flex youth that come and go. There are approximately 30 senior high youth and about 8-10 junior high youth. Jessica held the initial meeting of the youth advisory board on 10/8/09. They will be focusing on the 8 components of youth ministry set by the USCCB & the bishop's pastoral plan for youth as outlined in *All At the Table*, with a special emphasis to recognize we are all youth ministers. Making sure we are welcoming youth at mass, speaking with our youth and helping with our youth group are some examples of how we can support our youth. This is a shift from focusing primarily on parental only involvement. Confirmation is also a big part of creating a youth filled environment. Confirmation classes are not intend to be Catholicism 101, the model is to have youth come to confirmation with a strong faith base, rather than having to teach them their faith and asking them to accept it, all in one process.

Jessica is planning a New Year's Eve lock-in. She is hoping to use the All Saints Gym. The lock-in will run from 8:30 pm to 8:30 am. She will need a lot of help; diocesan standards require 1 adult per 7 youth. She is looking at 1-2hr. shifts for the adult volunteers.

- **Young Adult update-Sarah Steiner, Sheri Rothfusz & Rachel Gehring**

Sarah, Sheri and Rachel were invited by council member Johanne Schmidt to describe to the council the activities and structure of the Newman Club and M.O.F.I.A. Both groups are currently serving specific groups of young adults within our parish.

Sherri detailed how M.O.F.I.A. started as M.O.P.S. (Mother's of Preschoolers- a nationally known non-denominational program) last year after Warner Alliance Church discontinued their M.O.P.S. group. After following the M.O.P.S. program for a year the group decided M.O.P.S. wasn't the right fit for the group because their members had children that were both preschoolers and school age kids. Currently they meet twice a month and provide paid child care. M.O.F.I.A. has good parish support, and at this time they have about 15 moms involved. Last year their group consisted of people that were also involved in parish life and this year they are getting additional people that aren't necessarily involved in the parish, but looking to make friends. Each session they have a video, or discussion and an activity. Sherri described a variety of topics and fun activities they have done. Each meeting has a faith component, teaches something practical and a fun activity. They are receiving positive feedback. They meet the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month from 9:00 am to 11:00 am and they ask for a \$5.00 donation per session. Their goal is to catechize moms so they can catechize their families. They promote the group through the bulletin, announcements at Mass, sending home flyers at both All Saints Catholic School and Holy Family, through a big email list and word of mouth.

Sarah Steiner is teaming with Nancy Johnston to coordinate the Newman Club. They are attempting to branch out beyond students at LCSC to include more young adults. It has been a slow process. They have had two masses on campus so far this year and plan to continue mass on campus monthly. They have a core group of about 6 or 7 attending. Their next goal is to try to get some fun activities planned. The club is a work in progress.

Joyce asked Sarah how much of the small number of participants is time vs. interest? Sarah felt from personal experience college students just feel overwhelmed. Fr. Les suggested Nancy & Sarah contact Deacon Chuck Skoro, Director of Campus Ministry for the Diocese of Boise. Deb pointed out Jason Ulrich may be a resource on the LCSC campus to rent various equipment for outdoor activities. Rachel discussed two possible resources for activities.

Sarah stated they have a Facebook site for the club and all their activities are posted on the site.

Gail will forward the parish lists of young adults registered in our parish to Sarah and Rachel.

- **Delegation of council responsibilities**

Bill described how the council has begun delegating parish ministry liaison duties a bit already. Council members are naturally making contacts within some of the ministries. Bills' hope is in the near future, after the first of the year, the council will look at the ministries within the parish and formalize matching council members with ministries. Fr. Les suggested starting slowly with a couple of the ministries.

Gail will bring a ministry listing with the major commissions to the next council meeting.

- **Building Committee Report**

Bill gave an update from the most recent meeting with the diocesan building commission held in Boise.

Kevin Poole finance committee reported the meeting went really well. They were presenting the 95% complete architectural plans. The commission approved the plans and gave their approval to go forward. Some additional work will be done on the heating and cooling job specs.

- **Parish Administrator Update**

- **Status of candidate Don Evans**

Bill, Mark, Joyce, Fr. Dat, Denise & Kevin Poole met with the candidate Fr. Les is requesting a letter of recommendation from his pastor or the president of the parish council. Joyce suggested we make an offer contingent on the letters of recommendation. Mark agreed with Joyce, he would like to make an offer at this time contingent upon the letters of recommendation. The council is hiring a professional and they want a professional process. Mark stated if all are in agreement, the next move would be to draft an offer letter. A strength this candidate possesses is he comes from a parish that also has a Pre K- 8th grade school. The interview committee recommends Mr. Evans be offered the position of parish administrator.

Ken motioned Don Evans be offered the position of parish administrator. Deb seconded. The motion carried.

- **Update on Sale of Properties**

Bill received a copy of a letter from Larry Hellhake to Dick White in regards to an offer on the St. Stanislaus property. The details of that letter were discussed. There is a continued interest in the Lourdes property.

- **Follow-up on the Census**

All Saints has agreed to display signs and make available census information in support of the 2010 census. All Saints has deferred taking an active role in the census and will not be considered as a "Be Counted Site" due to conflicts with Holy Week and Easter.

- **Executive Session**

The council concluded the meeting in an executive session.

- **Schedule next meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the council will be on January 6, 2009, 5:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Gail Estes*