

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
February 16, 2011

Pastoral Council Members Present: Ken Jacks, Fr. Les Kish, Bill Neumayer, Fr. Julio Vicente, Joyce Majure, Johanne Schmidt, Sarah Schumaker

Guest: Larry O'Keefe

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

There was not a quorum present to approve the January 5, 2011 minutes. The council will be polled by email for approval of minutes.

❖ **Deanery Pastoral Council-Larry O'Keefe**

Larry began by giving a brief summary of the background of the Deanery Pastoral Council. The council outlined the types of questions they had as being: What qualifications should a representative possess? Is there a job description? Larry responded he had materials with him for the council that answered those questions. In a sense the deanery pastoral councils have much to do with bringing the laity into an understanding of the Diocesan activities and giving the Bishop a voice to parishes. He recalled in 2008 there was a lot of activity around Bishop Driscoll's development of a pastoral plan for the diocese with "All at the Table". The statistics from the Lewiston churches show there was good participation in that process by parishioners from Our Lady of Lourdes and St. James, and a little light from St. Stanislaus.

The North Central Deanery has been fortunate to have fairly good parish representation from the major parishes of the deanery but not so much from the satellite parishes and stations. Larry has just assumed the role of the chair person for the North Central Deanery Pastoral Council. The North Central Deanery encompasses Grangeville to Potlatch. It is expected there be representation for the all churches (parishes, stations & missions) in the deanery. The question was raised as to whether or not our station Sacred Heart needed representation. Larry explained the deanery representative needs to be present at the pastoral council meeting and report to the council from the deanery level and from the council to the deanery level. Improved communication and relationships with the deaneries is the ultimate diocesan goal.

Currently the deanery council's focus is primarily on the All at the Table pastoral plan. In response to this year's focus, *Christ Centered Communities*, the North Central Deanery wants to establish a website that would be available for parishes to update with their activities. This would allow parishioners traveling to access this information. Getting the interaction of the parishes would be the representative's responsibility.

Fr. Les commented that sending forms to the representatives to fill out causes the representative to be bored in their role. Larry feels the North Central Deanery Pastoral Council has taken a different step since 2008. It is an attempt to be something different than it was 5 years ago. It is an attempt at progress.

Bill summarized this gives a means of communication, and a means of collecting resources for those parishes who participate. Larry referred to the strategic planning documents that were compiled from the vitality study as part of Bishop Mike's *All at the Table* pastoral planning process. It can be of value if you are looking across the deaneries as a whole. Johanne reflected how the parish representatives would know what resources were available to us and they could be brought back to the council.

Bill opened up a discussion in regards to the way the Diocesan Fall Conference is being configured this year and the ramifications of that decision on the Lewiston community.

Larry stated we have the opportunity to impact how we do church in Idaho and share in the pastoral responsibilities of the church.

Larry left several documents to help the council form a deeper understanding of the deanery council and to help them in selecting a representative from All Saints to the North Central Deanery Pastoral Council. Joyce will scan and distribute these documents to the council members.

Fr. Les asked what had been done with the first two *All at the Table* focuses. Larry responded all the information that was gathered diocesan wide has been compiled and he will send those compilations to Sarah. Sarah will distribute that information to Fr. & the council or pass it on to Gail to distribute.

❖ **Building Report**

Bill reported the Diocesan Building Committee meets tonight and the contracts for the onsite oversight during the building project should be signed at that meeting. Approval of the soils and compression company findings and approval of Phase 1 infrastructure and site grading for approximately \$800,000.00 is anticipated.

By week's end we will have signed contracts. Kevin Poole, Bill Neumayer, Kevin Hasenoehrl & Tim Broemeling met with L.O.I.D. in regards to the water supply for the fire suppression system of the building project.

❖ **Pastoral Council Elections**

The council set a timeline and system to accept nominations and hold an election to fill three council positions. Nominations will be opened on February 27, 2011 and close on March 18, 2011. Elections will be held on April 10, 2011. Nominations with biographies will be accepted in writing to Parish Administrator, Sarah Schumaker. The nomination process will be opened to all parishioners on the weekend of February 26/27, 2011 will verbal announcements as well as an ad in the bulletin. Publication and verbal announcements will continue for the three weeks nominations are open.

❖ **Parish Administrator Report-Sarah**

• **Finance Report**

Sarah brought with her from the Finance Committee meeting that immediately preceded the council meeting an invoice from Whipple Engineering in the amount of \$682.50. This amount is an overrun on their estimate on the traffic study due to unforeseen information required from the City of Lewiston. Due to a lack of quorum Sarah will email the invoice to council members for review and request approval of payment.

• **ICA Report**

Sarah clarified the finance committee has the responsibility to run the 2011 appeal. Johanne suggested a thank you to the parishioners for coming within \$5,000.00 of our 2010 goal and also a thank you for collection contributions year to date in relation to the budget.

❖ **Planning Groundbreaking**

Bill will contact Bishop Mike's secretary to check his availability for a groundbreaking ceremony. Bishop Mike had expressed his desire to come to Lewiston for this event to Fr. Les.

Future Parish Bazaars

Ken made personal contacts with parishioners from all three church sites and summarized the results. He made those results available to the council members present. It was determined it probably wouldn't be feasible to combine into one event at this time.

- 1) The possibility of joining Lourdes & St. Stan's into one event was met with a negative response from the St. Stan's parishioners contacted.
- 2) A group of St. Stan's parishioners have asked to come before the council at their March meeting.

❖ **Youth Ministry Report-Jessica Goodman**

Jessica submitted a written report which was distributed to the council.

• **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next regular monthly meeting of the council will be on March 2, 2011, 5:30pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

❖ **Closing Prayer**

Respectfully submitted by,

Gail Estes