

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
March 2, 2011

Pastoral Council Members Present: Ken Jacks, Bill Neumayer, Fr. Julio Vicente, Joyce Majure, Johanne Schmidt, Sarah Schumaker, Deb Snyder, Tammy Hasenoehrl
Guests: Rhett Moore, Betty Riebe, Kathy VonBargen

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

Deb moved the council approve the minutes of their January 5, 2011 and February 16, 2011 meetings as corrected. Ken seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

❖ **St. Stanislaus Bazaar Committee-Rhett, Betty, Kathy**

Kathy VonBargen asked for some clarification about some misinformation. When Ken & Kathy talked in regards to the possibility of combining our All Saints Bazaars into two events rather than the current three. Ken stated she had suggested St. Stan's move the date of their bazaar, when actually she had suggested the school move their A.C.T.I.O.N. Auction to the spring. Ken clarified there had been a misunderstanding in their communication. Kathy asked about the timing of the inquiry, what the implications to the St. Stanislaus Bazaar were and what was trying to be done.

Ken explained Fr. Les had posed the question to the council about whether it was an appropriate time to look into combining into 2 All Saints annual Bazaars rather than 3. Ken went forward on behalf of Fr. Les and the council and began by conducted a poll of approximately 7 folks from St. Stanislaus and Our Lady of Lourdes to assess whether their two events may be a viable combination. During the course of those conversations statements were made that led Ken to include 7 folks from St. James in his poll also. It became apparent there was a misconception about St. Stan's desire to change the timing of their event. As a result of the poll there are some folks from St. James helping with chairing/ co-chairing and working the All Saints Spring Fling hosted at Our Lady of Lourdes March 20, 2011. Instead of pursuing a combination of events, they are now working with St. James and Our Lady of Lourdes in putting on the Spring Fling as a combined effort.

Rhett expressed their concern that if a bazaar is taken away the community would lose money. The council is in agreement events will not be combined at this time. When asked why they would consider combining into two events it was explained the reason they would consider combining events is to develop community within All Saints and create two bigger events.

Betty expressed St. Stanislaus had been lucky because they start the cycle of area bazaars and they don't want to lose that spot.

Tammy asked rather than take away an event, what about the possibility of creating a different opportunity?

Betty brought up the fact that Crab Feed at St. Stan's is coming up March 11, 2011 and a flyer was in the bulletin and all are welcome to attend. Further discussion revealed the flyer was only inserted in the bulletin at the All Saints St. Stanislaus site.

The bazaar committee representatives asked if they should go forward with planning a fall 2011 bazaar. They were assured they were not taking away an event at this time. Bill reiterated the poll and discussions were only a fact finding exercise and were never meant to be a mandate. He clarified again they are looking to have a bigger function in the fall and a bigger function in the spring in the future.

Joyce then encouraged the representatives to remember when they are planning the bazaar at St. Stan's to actively seek out help from the other two sites. Also we need to make sure advertisements are ALL billed as All Saints St. Stanislaus and radio ads say All Saints. It is part of the whole process coming together.

❖ **Pastoral Council Elections**

There have been no nominations this first week. Sarah is working with Gail on bulletin articles and verbal announcements. Joyce suggested we make sure it is clear this is a parish wide election. We are seeking nominees from the whole parish.

Tammy confirmed she is ready to step down. Mark has also confirmed he is resigning. With these two resignations and the existing vacancies there are three council positions to fill.

Joyce asked Fr. Julio if he had any suggestions from his experience in Mtn. Home. Fr. Julio explained in Mtn. Home & also at the Cathedral in Boise, leaders are discerned. Once a name is discerned that person is invited to consider their discernment and then invited to attend a half day retreat. When they come together for the retreat the group present discerns who believes they are called to the pastoral council ministry. Those names are then placed in a

hat and names are drawn out for who will serve. Deb recalled how the selection of the present council was much like the process Fr. Julio described. She went on to reflect Fr. Les' thoughts were since the people have not had a voice in exercising their vote, he felt it was appropriate to put it to a vote by the community. Fr. Julio stated he would encourage nominations by talking about this at Mass.

❖ **Building Update**

Bill reported to the council, in the last couple weeks the contracts for Phase 1 infrastructure work have been signed. A couple issues in regards to how the excess excavation material will be managed and obtaining a firm figures and plans on bringing water to the building site are being finalized by our architect, general contractor and engineer. The contract for on-site construction oversight is however pending. The diocese is requesting some changes in the wording. The contract is written for a maximum amount of \$40,000. Tammy asked if this was for the whole project or just the social hall and church phase of the project. Sarah gave Bill copies of the signed contracts. Bill will review the contracts to find the answer to Tammy's question.

• **Planning Groundbreaking**

March 27, 2011 at 2:00pm has been set for the groundbreaking ceremony to be held at the building site at 14th St. & Warner Avenue. Verbal announcements at Mass as well as the bulletin will be used to invite the community as well as outline the work to be done. Phase 1 permits are issued, the contractor ready, and it will include the following work:

- Onsite mass excavation and re-compaction of fill, retention ponds, prepare for footings
- Prepare and install surface storm drain system, sewer and domestic water tie-ins from street to property line
- Complete installation of fire lines and fire hydrants
- Build required city street work on 13th and 14th streets (curb, gutter, sidewalks, paving)
- Permanent power to the site
- Construct parking lot

Joyce will work on the script for the ceremony. She will also contact Ken Griesemer for his suggestions as well as other parishes in our diocese who have had similar ceremonies.

Bill will contact the general contractor for site preparation details. Johanne asked about changing the wording on the signs at the site to read *All Saints Catholic Parish* rather than *Lewiston Catholic Community*. Sarah will follow up with the Bishops office on the official wording of our name. Deb will contact the sign company for a bid to change our current signs.

❖ **Parish Administrator Report-Sarah**

• **ICA Report**

The 2011 Idaho Catholic Appeal (ICA) officially kicks off March 20th. The first Sunday announcement will be March 13th. The finance committee will oversee our appeal and is aware of the scope and realm of those duties.

• **Finance Report**

A draft 2011/2012 fiscal budget will be presented to the council at their May meeting. The Finance Committee will work on the budget at their April meeting. A process for getting the financial information to the council members was developed and the importance of studying that information was stressed.

Fr. Les has asked an updated pictorial directory be done at this time. Sarah has contacted the Olin Mills Company and has arranged spring dates for parishioners to be photographed at all four sites.

❖ **Deanery Pastoral Council**

Joyce reported she will not be able to be the All Saints representative at this time. Joyce gave Gail the documents left with her by deanery chairperson Larry O'Keefe to distribute to council members.

Council member Deb Snyder agreed to fill this position as an intern while the council continues to secure a representative to the deanery pastoral council. Deb felt a presentation to the parish at large depicting the deanery council's role and duties and calling for a representative from the parish may be a possible solution.

❖ **Educational Assistance request from Rachel Gehring**

Rachel is taking a spiritual directorship course and Fr. Les is asking the council to consider her request for financial aid. Fr Julio explained is it not a theological degree. Rachel is seeking to become a certified spiritual director. The question of setting a policy of expectation of recipients, budgeted resources, and the need to add more structure to this area were discussed. As part of the budgeting process there should be funds for adult education expenses. Deb motioned Rachel be granted \$600.00 for 3 future course expenses required for her certification. Johanne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

❖ **Old Business**

Joyce noted there are a number of Hispanics attending the 11:00am Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes. She asked we look at how we are ministering to our Hispanic communities needs. Also the importance of identifying what those needs may be, including special feast days and how we embrace them to assure we are meeting their needs. The question of establishing a monthly bilingual or Spanish Mass was proposed. Deb suggested asking Fr. Julio, who had left the council's meeting already, to communicate with the Hispanic parishioners to assess what needs there may be.

• **Schedule Next Meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the council will be held on April 13, 2011, beginning at 5:30pm in the social hall at Our Lady of Lourdes.

❖ **Closing Prayer**

*Respectfully submitted by,
Gail Estes*