

NATIVITY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday – September 28, 2010

6:30 P.M. – Nazareth Room

At 6:31p.m., Joe Miranowski led the Pastoral Council members in Evening Prayer.

Council Members Present:

Fr. Kevin Boucher, Fr. Tom Feltman, Duane Koble, Laura Alderman, Dale Craft, Bonnie Faller, Betty Hund, Ken Jablonsky, Brenda Lang, Joe Miranowski, Wendy Paulson, Greg Schmalz, Corporate Secretary Mykal Sonstelie.

Council Members Absent: Scott Krabbenhoft, Leon Senn, Ed Schwind, Lisa Suda, and Corporate Treasurer Michael O'Leary.

Vice Chair Greg Schmalz called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m., pursuant to notice.

Minutes from the 08/24/2010 Parish Council meeting were provided prior to the meeting and accepted by unanimous consensus.

Old Business

Nativity's 50th Anniversary Planning Update – Duane had provided a copy of the minutes from Meeting #4 held on August 16, 2010. Next meeting is scheduled for October 11th. The committee has already planned all the events for the upcoming anniversary year. Ornaments and note cards are available for purchase after Masses. Monies will be used to offset expenses for the Anniversary celebration.

The Pictorial Directory has three coordinators. The biggest concern is that parishioners will step forward to have their picture taken. Please keep in mind that this is not just a directory, but also a history. A local company will be taking the pictures. Please collaborate with people each week and encourage them to sign up; as the directory is only as good as the people who participate in it. The directory should be available by Christmas of 2011. There is no cost to families who will receive a free 8"x11" picture. Everyone may choose to purchase pictures.

New Business

Discussion – Nativity's Mission Statement – Panels 7-11: Fr. Kevin provided a copy of the following reflection questions that were discussed in small groups:

Panel #7: How have you personally experienced Christ's presence in your worship here at Nativity?

Panel #8: How do you personally share in Christ's three-fold role of priest, prophet and king?

Panel #9: How has your personal stewardship helped you to grow in your relationship with God?

Panel #10: What are specific ways that you can think of that Nativity lives these seven social principles?

Panel #11: What formational experiences in our parish have you utilized in the past? And when was the last time you participated in something to help yourself?

Fall Festival Update

Co-Chair Bev Nesler joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m. and provided an update regarding the Fall Festival scheduled for Sunday-October 3rd:

- Pork Tenderloin dinner will be served.
- Many apples have been brought in after the request was put in the bulletin.
- Baskets are needed for the Silent Auction.
- Pop and candy are coming in.
- Volunteers are needed to help prepare food.
- 177 raffle tickets have been sold to date.
- Outlined the games, old and new, that will be available to enjoy. Still need some workers for Games.
- Will have a Candy Wheel this year instead of Bottle Lotto so that a person will receive an item valued at \$2.00.
- Need people for setup on Friday afternoon until 5:15 p.m. Saturday-help is needed in the kitchen and dining room. Help is also needed in the kitchen to wrap potatoes and peel apples for the apple bars.

Bev shared that she sees the first week of October as too early to schedule the Fall Festival because people are still at the lakes. Bev asked the Council if anyone knew why the date was changed to the first weekend of October and if anyone knew someone that could explain why. Duane stated that the Council would discuss this in more detail at next month's meeting.

Discernment Process

Duane asked Recording Secretary Brenda Lang to first outline the open positions by year-end and other positions affected for the Pastoral Council:

- 2 – Open Positions; as Betty Hund and Ken Jablonsky will have completed their two 3-year terms
- Joe Miranowski can discern to serve a second 3-year term
- Brenda Lang, Recording Secretary and Duane Koble, Staff Representative can discern to serve again in their current 1-year positions
- Fr. Kevin will confirm if Jean Hannig will remain as Deanery Representative, Mikal Sonsteli as Corporate Lay Secretary and Michael O'Leary as Corporate Lay Treasurer
- The current Chair Leon Senn and Vice Chair Greg Schmalz have served in their positions for two consecutive years and cannot serve in these positions in 2011

Other Commissions that will have open positions:

- 3 members needed on Social Justice Commission
- 5 members needed on Health Advisory Commission
- 3 members needed on Liturgical Commission

Duane posed the question; "Who conducts the Discernment Process?"

The "Time & Talent" committee had met to review the entire process because past methods have not been effective. It was pointed out that the "Time & Talent" committee should not automatically be considered the Discernment Committee.

The Time & Talent Committee recommended to forego holding a Discernment Sunday this fall, and instead asked each committee, council and commission to take personal action to fill their own open positions; by asking someone through personal invitation to attend their respective meeting. The Council also made the following suggestions:

- Include a listing of openings in the bulletin and who to contact.
- Have a “Time & Talent” table at the Fall Festival to reach the parish.
- Create an informational wall about the various committees, councils and commissions.
- At the Health Fair, have a booth and ask, “Are you interested in helping with this group?”
- Make it a constant invitation to the parish.
- Highlight a committee/commission/council in the bulletin in detail for the next four months and invite people to the meetings.

The goal would be to inform people about the various committees, councils and commissions over time instead of just once a year on a Discernment Sunday. Constant discernment and personal invitation may be more effective.

Recommendation was made to highlight Social Justice, Health Advisory, Liturgical and Pastoral Council in October/November/December. *Each Liaison for these four groups was asked to write a paragraph about their respective commission and provide it to Duane Koble within the next month for the bulletin. Members within each of these groups also need to be thinking of people to invite.*

Liturgical Text Changes

Fr. Kevin reported that Monsignor McGee from Philadelphia had been reviewing the new text changes for the Mass with parish priests. The new text will officially take place beginning Advent 2011. There will be several opportunities for lay people to attend workshops regarding the upcoming text changes.

In whole, the language has been improved because a higher form of English will be used.

The text changes will create a challenge, because it will involve words not used in our daily lives; although these changes will be inspirational.

The priests will speak about the changes to parishioners when they actually take place.

These changes will also create a huge challenge for musicians. This is acknowledgement of one universal change for the entire world and will reflect one translation for all.

October 23rd is one of many diocesan workshops being scheduled at St. Anne & Joachim.

Five Items Update from the Bishop’s Office - Duane provided a handout prior to the meeting as informational material for council members that outlined the changes within the diocese this year.

Five items included:

- Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People
- Liturgical Text Changes
- 40 Days for Life
- Catholics Come Home Program
- Study on parish properties and Catholic school properties

Pastor’s Comments

Fr. Kevin had nothing new to add to his report that was provided by email.

Associate Pastor's Comments

- Fr. Tom reported that the Befrienders Ministry met in September.
- Faith Formation kicked-off two weeks ago. Fourth Grade enrollment is up from last year.
- Catechist training was held last week.
- Three retreats are scheduled for the youth and their parents; with the first retreat on reconciliation to be held on October 10th.
- The National Evangelization Team (NET) met on September 25th with 20-25 youth from 6th to 8th grades attending.

Stewardship Council Report - No report from Liaison Mykal Sonsteli.

Director of Administration's Report

Duane Koble highlighted the following from his report:

- Question was asked about the heaters for the campus building. Duane explained that the plan would be to replace the heaters as one piece at some point during the campaign. Fr. Kevin added that there is \$1.2M in the fund now, with another \$1M to be added to the fund soon. People are honoring their pledges. It is possible that plans for a new parish in the City of Fargo would include a Catholic grade school. If so, a new school would affect Nativity's scope for building plans as a new parish and school would affect Nativity's school size.
- The Cuneen Campaign was kicked off this past Sunday. A number of people are interested in the ACH program which is very helpful. Approximately 250 parishioners have responded to the campaign, which will be conducted again another Sunday. In a few weeks, it will be known what kind of movement occurred from this campaign.
- Duane's report included a variety of data regarding the number items in collection from envelopes, donations, credit cards and automatic withdrawal.
- Continue to look at new software for accounting that the Diocese of Fargo is moving too.
- Stewardship Prayer being used for the campaign was shared in the bulletin.
- Duane's report included insurance benefits that are provided to the staff.
- Considering offering a workshop regarding organizational change in a person's career and work and how to deal with organizational change.

Committee & Commission Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee – No report from Liaison Bonnie Faller.

Deanery Representative – No report.

FCSN – Liaison Laura Alderman reported that the start of school has been going well.

She asked for prayers for one of our Nativity members who is on pregnancy bed rest.

TRIP started September 11th and is going well. Duane noted that some education is needed about the TRIP Program and will plan for some bulletin announcements. Laura added that a table with information about TRIP would be set up at the Fall Festival. The Council was asked to keep the businesses who participate in the TRIP program in prayer as they support our Catholic schools. Homecoming is this weekend and the new bleachers are in place for use.

Health Advisory Commission – Betty Hund's report outlined the various Brunch & Learn topics that will focus on eating lifestyle and obesity.

Liturgical Commission – Liaison Lisa Suda was absent. She provided her report by email prior to the meeting. Three members are needed on this commission for 2011. Melissa Woinarowicz was noted for her ministry involvement.

Parish Faith Life Commission – No report from Liaison Joe Miranowski.

Social Justice Commission – Liaison Ken Jablonsky reported that Nativity sponsored five units at the Cooper House. A Bottle Cap recycling project in conjunction with Aveda Salon to recycle the caps to make plastic bottles has been approved.

Youth Ministry – Liaison Scott Krabbenhoft was absent but had provided his report prior to the meeting. Duane commented on the Net Retreat noted earlier. Vice Chair Greg Schmalz noted that Jordan has put together a core team to plan youth events. Peer ministry to minister to the youth. Senior High Youth Rally is coming up and working with Fr. Tom with reconciliation for second graders.

Announcements

Chairman Leon Senn announced that the Pastoral Council's Annual meeting would be held on Tuesday-October 26, 2010. **Council members were asked to consider the open positions on the Pastoral Council and liaison positions each member would be interested in for the 2011 year.**

There being no further business, Vice Chair Greg Schmalz led the Council members in closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lang

Recording Secretary