

NATIVITY PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday – February 26, 2013

6:30 P.M. – Nazareth Room

At 6:34 p.m., Eric Krueger led the Council in Evening Prayer.

At 6:51 p.m., Chairman Joe Miranowski called the meeting to order pursuant to notice. Joe welcomed our two guests visiting the Council and asked each member to introduce themselves.

Council Members Present:

Fr. Kevin Boucher, Fr. Chris Markman, Duane Koble, Lydia Carlson, Dale Craft, Eric Krueger, Brenda Lang, Joe Miranowski, Wendy Paulson and Corporate Treasurer Patrick Kautzman

Council Members Absent: Laura Alderman, Anne Moynihan, Don Schott, Corporate Secretary Anne Stoll

Guests: Terry Thorp and Melissa Mehlisch

Minutes from the 01/22/2013 Pastoral Council meeting were provided prior to the meeting and accepted by unanimous consensus.

OLD BUSINESS

Filling (4) Open Pastoral Council Positions

Joe Miranowski noted that four positions need to be filled to meet the required 11 members on the Pastoral Council. Our guests tonight may choose to join the council. Joe explained that an orientation is held annually on a Sunday between Masses for all new members.

Nativity Anew II Update

Fr. Kevin led the council through a tour of the new gathering space and offices and reported that his personal "fun-raiser" has now reached a weight loss of 70 pounds raising over \$115,000. Construction is still on track for an April 1st completion date.

Other Old Business – None

NEW BUSINESS

Choosing a "Fun-Raiser"

Since 5th grader students were needed for the Pastoral Council's fun-raiser to be successful and no students had signed up, the committee made the decision to cancel this fun-raiser and discussed other ideas. The council members reviewed the ideas from the committee and decided on the 5K walk at the Fargo Marathon the weekend of May 16-17-18, with participants securing sponsors or pledges for their own chosen event. Details were discussed and Brenda Lang will pull together the information to be advertised in the bulletin and Nativity website.

Church of the Nativity's Long Range Plan

Fr. Kevin requested that the council read through the parish's current Long Range Plan that Duane had emailed. The Long Range Plan outlines the goals and objectives for the parish for a 5-year timeframe and is due for revision. A task force will be formed to fine tune the plan.

Formation Discussion – "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium"

With the upcoming resignation of the Pope, Fr. Chris led discussion regarding the papal conclave which is part of Chapter 3. Some of the key points noted were:

- It is no longer necessary to wait 15 days to hold the conclave. In the event that a Pope would die, then the conclave must be held within 20 days of the Pope's death. Pope Benedict amended John Paul II's document for when the Cardinals may choose to start the conclave.
- Requirements: Be a single Catholic man and not over 85 years of age. John Paul stressed the responsibility that these Cardinals have in choosing a new Pope, as the Pope is the most powerful leadership position in the world.
- Review the document "Universe Dominici Gregis", meaning "The Shepherd of the Lord's Whole Flock" for more details regarding the papal process.

Other New Business - None

Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Liaison Lydia Carlson reported that WOW and LinC had held their Mardi Gras Talent Show and had begun practice for the Living Stations to be performed on March 20th.

LinC had a Scripture Walk Topic of death and were invited to a 24-hour Food Fast.

CYA meets the first Wednesday of every month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and has worked at Churches United for the Homeless and continues book discussion on "The Screwtape Letters".

Lydia encouraged people to attend APP Wednesdays (Awe Power & Praise) which is new this year and open to all.

Pastor's Comments

Fr. Kevin highlighted that the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) retreats for men & women are in preparation for the April weekends. We all need to be part of encouraging participation. CRHP is a key component to the Parish's 5-Year Long Range Plan as CRHP is a phenomenal evangelizational tool to build a personal relationship with Christ.

Parochial Vicar's Comments

Fr. Chris reported that he will assist Kathy Bourdon in March to prepare our second graders for reconciliation.

The Befriender Ministry has seven new Befrienders in training with Sr. Sharon. A Befriender receives special certification prior to serving as a one-on-one companion and being Christ to another.

Finance Council

Corporate Treasurer Pat Kautzman reported that the council is reviewing the budget. The 2012 year ended with a small loss of approximately \$33,000.

The Nativity AnewII fund has progressed well and received confirmation that \$50,000 in outstanding pledges will be received.

The \$112,000 goal for 2012 God's Gift of Appeal was short by \$6,000. The goal for 2013 is \$116,000.

The Finance Council is discussing the 2013 preliminary budget and reviewed the reserve, training and endowment funds to assist in balancing the budget to a minimal deficit. Pat commented that the staff has maintained their expense budget very well in 2012 and noted that offertory income is relatively flat.

Be aware of the following:

- efficiencies of the new geothermal system will be seen over time;
- Nativity School receives a per pupil fee from the JPPII Network and pays the utilities of the school building;
- the parish covers all capital and structural expenditures; and
- expect an increase in insurance premium due to the recent enhancements to the building.

Director of Administration's Report

Duane Koble highlighted the following:

- Consider purchasing JPPI TRIP cards as a way to give back to your community as well as to Nativity School.
- This is the time of the year that inspections are completed and have had an annual inspection of the kitchen. Duane noted that the 1960s building had only minor infractions.
- There is always ongoing maintenance happening on our campus. Chapel lighting was replaced with LED lights for energy savings.
- Noted the importance of the Parish Long Range Plan and to read the document for the April meeting.
- Duane and the faith formation staff will be attending a workshop provided by the Center of Ministry Development. They are the benchmark; and research what is happening in parishes, trends, opportunities to engage our youth and families and what is working in parishes across the country. This data will be useful for long range planning and evangelization. Keep in mind that evangelization happens one person at a time.

Duane expressed a “Thank You” to the council members for their leadership for the parish.

Committee & Commission Reports

Buildings & Grounds Committee – Liaison Wendy Paulson had no report. She did mention that the bench outside was damaged due to snow removal. Duane added that there was some damage to part of the building too that will be addressed with the company who handles the snow removal.

Deanery Representative – No report.

Health Advisory Commission – Duane reported that the Nurturing Heart program will be held again and recommended council members to consider attending. This commission is in the planning stage for the 2013-2014 programs. The last two Brunch and Learns have been very informative and addressed estate planning and funeral planning. Duane challenged the council to consider their own planning.

JPPI Council – Liaison Laura Alderman had no report.

Liturgical Commission – Liaison Anne Moynihan was absent and no report was provided. Fr. Kevin reported that the commission held a dinner meeting with continuation of their study. The new communion vessels may arrive in time for Holy Week to replace the current vessels that are 30 years old and degrading. The new vessels have a silver oxide exterior and gold interior.

Parish Faith Life Commission – Liaison Dale Craft reported on the following:

- the commission is discussing their by-laws;
- Scholarship committee outlined how scholarships are being handled;
- discussed their dance fun-raiser scheduled for May 1st;
- Kathy Bourdon will be attending a conference in Denver regarding Faith Formation and getting people involved. Considering utilizing the Time & Talent forms more than once every two years. Time & Talent is a Pastoral Council issue. Time & Talent will be a part of the Long Range Plan. Mentioned that sign-up for Time & Talent could be held in the gathering space. The commission also had specific discussion about divorced members and “not so young” Catholic Adults.
- Kathy also spoke about the Evangelizing Youth Conference on March 2nd at St. Anthony's and noted that there is much to be done regarding evangelization.

Social Justice Commission – Fr. Kevin had nothing to report. Brenda will contact Anna Welder for a copy of the minutes for the Pastoral Council minute book.

Announcements

Chairman Joe Miranowski made the following announcements:

- No meeting in March due to Lent.
- The next business meeting will be Tuesday-April 23, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Please invite a parishioner to attend the meeting to consider joining the Pastoral Council.

There being no further business, Chairman Joe Miranowski led the members in Closing Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Lang

Recording Secretary