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Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2011
(rescheduled from 9/22/2011)

ROLL CALL

Marcus Plato (Chairperson), Kathy Sharetsky (Vice-Chairperson)

EXCUSED

Dave Gaydos

ABSENT

Joan Barkely

EX OFFICIO PRESENT

Rev. John J. Peck, O.S.B., Phil Domencic (Finance Committee)

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

N/A

RECORDER

Marcus Plato

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

Kathy Sharetsky

AGENDA

Note: Meeting was rescheduled from 9/22/11 to 9/28/11 due to low anticipated attendance on 9/22.

Agenda Items: Follow-up on Action Items; Finance Report; Mission Recap; Ministries Workshop;
Suggestion Box Review

MEETING MINUTES

The Minutes for the August 25, 2011 meeting were approved without changes

ACTION ITEM FOLLOW-UP

- 1) Narthex ceiling/lighting replacement: Fr. John is reviewing ceiling tile options, as well as, other ceiling treatment alternatives that could improve the appearance/lighting/sound. Opportunity to address the speakers in this area at the same time changes are being made. Material costs and design options will be presented. Marty will obtain labor/installation costs once options are identified. Timing to do work would be planned for June 2012.
- 2) Greater Mission Development Services: Marcus shared some information about what GMDS is doing with St. Joan of Arc to give insight to how services are being used. The ministries workshop that our PPC is planning coincides with the general principles of what GMDS is doing with SJA. We will continue to evaluate GMDS opportunity, but we may be able to do a lot on our own. First steps are to identify our current situation, understand trends around us, and set goals. Then we can develop programs and initiatives tied to achieving these goals. Ex. Can we develop an outreach program...jobs opportunity network?
- 3) Fr. John has reached out to a number of potential PPC candidates, but no one is willing to serve on council. Some other names were suggested. Note that 3 of the 4 current PPC members' terms expire mid-2012, meaning that PPC may dissolve after next year. We need other Parishioners to step-up!

FINANCE REPORT (P. Domencic)

Final September Finance Report was not available, as the Parish Office and Diocese need to reconcile the numbers. In general, utilities are running below budget, likely due to milder temperatures in August; supplies are below budget through good stewardship and cost constraints; other anticipated expenses running lower than budgeted. The Finance Council is planning to present a finance report to parishioners at Masses one weekend in November, yet to be scheduled.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Surface sealing and repainting of parking lot is complete.

MISSION UPDATE

We have heard a lot of positive feedback regarding the Tent Revival. The core team, lead by Kathy Sharetsky, did an outstanding job preparing for the event. Many people provided their time, talent, and treasure to make the weekend mission run smoothly and successfully. Parish Council thanks everyone who helped, attended, and participated to make this an enriching event for our Parish community. The core team will get together to review what went well and opportunities to improve for future events.

\$3,712 was raised via Angels donations. Thanks to all you Angels in helping offset the costs for this event!

SUGGESTION BOX

No new entries in box.

FUTURE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- PPC to co-ordinate Memorial Day float activity in Annville Parade (Mike suggestion)

***** MISSION REPORTS *****

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY

(Aug 11, 2011)

Old Business:

Kathy, Sandy, Mario and Mike participated in the 'Face the Truth Tour' in Hanover on 7/29.

New Business:

Guest Speaker, Eric Scheidler of Pro-Life Action League – Friday, 10/14/2011

We have booked Eric Scheidler, son of Joe Scheidler, as a guest speaker for Friday, October 14th. Eric does not charge a speaker's fee; however we are requested to generate 75-100 participants, take a free-will offering to cover the speaker's expenses, and have dinner for Eric and those accompanying him when they arrive. The Pro-Life Action League also requests that we have a table set up so they can display pro-life books and resources available for purchase.

The Knights of Columbus will partner with us by making dinner not only for Eric and his team, but also for all attending this event. Again there will be no set fee, but a free-will offering will be taken at the door to cover the speaker's fees and the cost of the food. Mario said he thinks The Knights will also arrange for the tables and chairs to be set up, serve and help with clean-up for this event. We will get more information about the time dinner will be served before our next meeting.

Many avenues of advertisement are being pursued.

- **CCW Collection for baby items** Pat shared that Marty and Mary Kreider will place a notice in the bulletin and put cradle(s) or basket(s) in the entry to collect donations. Pat will pick up everything on Monday again and do a count. Last year we took ½ to Morning Star and ½ to Lourdes House. This year we agreed to take everything to Morning Star. There is a big need for diapers and Onesies and formula.

- **Pro-Life movie night**
Chris emailed the Director of the movie, “Blood Money” and received permission to show his movie without purchasing a “public viewing” copy. We will be sure to invite Fr. John and ask him to be there in case there are those who want to talk afterward. We are hoping to do this in January or February when it’s cold and there’s not much to do in the evenings. Sandy will announce our movie night and invite attendees to come back for it at the conclusion of the Eric Sheidler event.
- **Updating St. Paul’s Pro-Life webpage** Mike, Chris and Sandy will meet to come up with ideas and begin the process.
- **Mater Dei Symposium: Steven Mosher of PRI & Austin Ruse of C-Fam @ Keeler Center, September 24th, 2011** Sandy will put a blurb in the bulletin and post the flyer. Don & Elke, Sandy & Mario, Mike and Chris plan to attend. We will hand out flyers for our October 14th event.
- **Morning Star Appreciation Breakfast on August 20th at 9 AM** Sandy announced this upcoming event.
- **Change of date for October meeting** Those present agreed to move the October meeting one week earlier to give us time to make last minute preparations for Eric Sheidler’s presentation. **Our October meeting will be on October 6th.**

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY
(September 8, 2011)

New Business:

- **Guest Speaker, Eric Scheidler of Pro-Life Action League – Friday, 10/14/11**
 - **Tent revival** – Pro Life ministry members passed out blue flyers at the tent revival events.
 - **Other Publicity** –
 - The blue flyers will also be inserted in next week’s bulletins.
 - There will also be a tripod in the narthex for people to sign up to attend for dinner and the speaker or just the speaker.
 - There will be a 5x7 flyer in “The Catholic Witness.” It was announced in the calendar of events as well.
 - Sandy contacted Fr. Schenck about getting our event listed on the diocesan website.
 - Sandy also emailed copies of the bulletin announcement to secretaries from other parishes in the deanery and 10 other parishes in the Harrisburg/East Shore area.
 - Sue contacted “Lebanon Daily News” and “Patriot News” with no success or response.
 - Kathy sent information to Comcast for community bulletin board.
 - Mike contacted radio stations. Of them 720 AM will run a PSA.
 - Sandy will talk to Sue about contacting Lebanon Catholic School.
 - **Set up and hospitality**- Knights of Columbus will ask Marty to set up tables similar to the way they were for the vocational breakfast. All pro-life ministry members will be needed to help greet guests.
 - **Free-Will Offering for speaker’s expenses and dinner:** A basket will be placed on the table as people enter. We will also pass a basket and make an announcement at the end of the talk.
 - **Clean-up** – All members of the pro-life ministry are needed to help with clean up after this event.
- **CCW Collection for baby items** – everything is on track for this. No changes.
- **Pro-Life movie night** – We will pick dates for this at our November meeting. Sandy will announce this upcoming event at the conclusion of the event on October 14th.
- **Mater Dei Symposium:** Steven Mosher of PRI & Austin Ruse of C-Fam @ Keeler Center, September 24th, 2011 - Don & Elke, Sandy & Mario will be leaving at 7:15 to attend Latin Mass and hear the speaker. They will pass out flyers beforehand for our Eric Sheidler event.
- **40 Days for Life (September 28-November 6)** – Anyone who is able to attend the opening mass on September 28th, please take blue flyers with you to distribute.
- **Mass and Rosary Procession with Bishop McFadden** – Saturday, October 8th at 8:15 am at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, 2121 N. Third St., Harrisburg. Following Mass all will proceed to Hillcrest Abortion Mill, 2709 N. Front Street, Harrisburg where Bishop McFadden will lead prayer and the Rosary. After Hillcrest a brunch, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be served at Cathedral of Saint Patrick, 212 State St., Harrisburg (Reservations are required by calling 717-657-4804 ext. 294 or emailing: jscicchitano@hbgdiocese.org by October 1, 2011. A free will donation will be received. About 5 of us plan to attend so far. Carpooling will be discussed at next meeting.

- **Pro Life Reading Center** – Don reported it has been cleaned up, updated and relocated.

Next Pro-Life Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2011@ 7:00 PM.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING

(September 6, 2011)

Old Business:

- **Altar Server Training**

Ray Maillet reported that 6 new altar servers have been trained and are now serving. A slight change was made for all altar servers: the entrance procession begins when the second verse of the opening hymn begins, not immediately when the congregation starts singing as was previously done.

- **The New Translation of the Holy Mass**

Ray Maillet reported that all talks have been prepared and will be given after communion beginning the weekend of October 1-2, 2011. Also, limited copies will be available for any member of the congregation to take with them after masses.

New Business:

- **Tenth Anniversary of 9/11/2001**

The parish will observe Patriot's Day by following the directives of the Diocese of Harrisburg, using the Mass for Peace and Justice with the celebrant wearing white vestments. The readings will be for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

- **October 4, 2011 – Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi**

Deacon Tony will bless animals after the 6:15 PM Communion Service

- **November 1, 2001 – Solemnity of All Saints**

The Vigil Mass will be held at 5:30 PM, Monday, October 31 with 9 AM and 7 PM Masses on the holyday itself.

- **November 2, 2011 – All Souls Day**

Masses at 9 AM and 7:15 PM. All Souls Day liturgy at the 7:15 PM Mass commemorating the deaths of parishioners and relatives who have died this past year.

- **Sunday, November 13, 2011 – Annual Eucharistic Devotions**

Eucharistic Devotions will be held for one day only because of having the parish mission in 2011. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 10:30 AM Mass with a 7:15 PM closing liturgy and Benediction.

- **2012 Annual Eucharistic Devotions:** October 7, 8, 9, 2012

Next Liturgy Meeting: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2011 AT 7:00 PM

Elizabeth Ministry

(September 26, 2011)

- Over the summer we provided several meals to parishioners who had new babies as well as to 2 people recovering from surgery. A card was sent earlier in September to a family with an ill child. We are also scheduled to serve 3 meals to a parishioner affected by flooding.
- We met on Sept. 26 and our **next meeting will be October 24.**
- Refreshments were provided at the Tent Revival, including a borrowed popcorn machine from a neighboring church in Palmyra, with the total cost of refreshments being \$49.38.
- Treasury: our current balance is \$78.37, and we anticipate a donation from the Knights of Columbus again for 2012 to provide us with a budget to support our upcoming events.
- Future plans include assisting at the Family Advent Workshop on November 27 and hosting the Easter Egg Hunt on March 31, 2012.

- We also discussed how we can reach out to women in our parish, specifically new mothers through the baptismal process, new parishioners through the information they receive when registering as new members, and all members by submitting a blurb for the bulletin about the Elizabeth Ministry and how we function at St. Paul's
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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Election Tuesday Spaghetti Dinner
Christmas Bazaar

PPC MEMBERS NEEDED

- Members are needed to serve on Parish Pastoral Council, as we are understaffed to sufficiently support the various ministries and committees of the parish to fulfill the church mission and strategies.
- PPC is in need of a Secretary to record meeting minutes and collate the various mission reports. Must be proficient in MS Word, MS Excel, and have e-mailing capability/skills.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father John

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 PM

Meeting ended early, as Fr. John received an emergency call to provide the Anointing of the Sick

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

- Next Meeting Date – Thursday October 27, 2011, 7PM
- Agenda Input Deadline – Thursday October 20, 2011
- Prayer Service Leader in September - Dave Gaydos
- PPC Secretary in September – Phil Domencic