

HOLY ROSARY PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
December 15, 2009

Opening Prayer - Led by Mike Birschbach

Attendance - Members present- Fr. Harry, Tom Fleming, Gary Winkler, Fred Weber, Herbie Schreiner, Valerie Wiley, Bill Wiley, Leo Ott, Mike Birschbach, and Terry Steiner. Others attending: Jean Vogel, Carla Nennig.

Minutes - The November minutes were approved with one change noted. (See end of November minutes for details.)

Communications – None

Updates on Adult Faith Formation & Young Adult Ministry – Last week’s meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm. It has not been rescheduled as of yet.

Parish 100th Anniversary –A group of people met December 2 and hopefully this will be the core of the Centennial committee. Dates were discussed and early fall 2010 is being considered for the celebration so it would not interfere with the Fall Festival. September 19th is the first choice. The Bishop wants to be in attendance. Mass is the center of the celebration. The 10:30 Mass has been chosen. There will be a banquet held at the Altoona which has been reserved. The parish would generate a pictorial directory before the celebration with the pages dedicated to the church’s history. A meeting has been scheduled with a publisher on December 16. There will be a letter going out asking for parishioner help on the various committees. The next meeting is January 6, 2010 at 6 P.M.

Open Forum – There was an announcement received from Mrs. Pleviak that a 60-70 member liturgical choir from a Minnesota University will be in New Holstein April 30 to perform. Megan Pleviak is a member of this choir. It was suggested that Stewardship could handle the arrangements for this.

The Stewardship meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm and has been rescheduled for December 22.

There was a meeting held at St. Dominic regarding Catholic education, with a representative from the Milwaukee Archdiocese educational office, Joe Bound and Brother Steve. It was discussed that there is a need for a key individual, a superintendent, for this whole area. The Catholic school education needs to be preserved.

Tom asked for agenda ideas for the January 5th meeting. The following suggestions were made:

- That the role of the Parish council is to discuss and monitor continuing co-operation between the two school campuses.
- The possibility of combining Religious Education. St. Ann will not have a coordinator next year and a coordinator could be hired to oversee Kiel, New Holstein and St. Ann. Each parish would have their own program and there could be joint sessions occasionally.
- Suggestions for linkage in the mass scheduling. What parameters would be used in determining mass times?

Tom suggested asking Kiel for the last Tri-Parish minutes for any unfinished business.

The handouts received at the last meeting regarding the Catholics Come Home program to be held during Lent were briefly discussed. Father did not have an opportunity to fully review, but he did say that greeters, ushers and scrip sales reps need to be worked with on welcoming people. There are some workshops offered in January that people can attend. One in Manitowoc on the 21st and one in Combined Locks on the 26th. Father will attend the one in Combined Locks. It was suggested that some members of the Board, Welcoming committee and Stewardship attend. There will be a note placed in the bulletin listing the workshop information.

Committee Reports –

Education –

Religious Ed –

- Confirmation was held December 5 at Holy Rosary. There were 17 confirmands.

- Confirmation 2010 will be held at SS Peter-Paul. A Rite of Calling has been scheduled for March 14 at St. Ann. Retreat plans are being formed and should be finalized in the next two months. The retreat is held at Mt. Tabor in Menasha.
- Still in need of one confirmation catechist to work with Luann Steffen starting in January.
- Reconciliation was held December 12. 11 Students received the sacrament.
- Strategic Planning – plan development is currently on hold due to needing to recruit more participation in the planning process. Portions of planning will be integrated with the education committee which plans to meet in January.
- Vocations night is scheduled for February 3. Waiting on confirmation of pastor/deacon participation.
- Deacon Earl Kunzer will teach his last class December 16 and there will be a retirement celebration during his class.

Youth Ministry –

- Activity calendars were handed out.
- Christmas caroling at Willowdale & Willowpark included adults and students on December 12.
- The Christmas cookie/candy/greeting card sale was held after all Masses December 12 & 13.
- Youth choir will sing with adults for Christmas Eve Mass.
- A ski trip is planned on December 29 to Sunburst Ski Resort, Kewaskum.
- A youth Mass for high school students will be held on January.

Divine Savior –

- The minutes were handed out.
- 8th grade class trip was briefly mentioned, and that last year's class trip was to Blue Harbor Resort.

Finance Council – The final numbers from the Fall Festival are in. The total was \$13,230.00 plus a \$1,000.00 donation by the Catholic Knights.

John reported that the Scrip sales were off by 10% making profits 26% less. Budget revenue is off by a few thousand dollars, but expenses are down a little.

The Faith Connection insert is being reformatted and will be printed by Holy Rosary. The Spring into Cash raffle tickets will be delivered if not picked up in Church by parish members. The Advancing the Mission amounts were reported.

Worship – None. A meeting of lay ministers will be scheduled regarding lack of show for assignments. The committee will look into adult server interest and training.

Welcoming – No report. The committee needs to be more active.

Stewardship – A meeting time is in question. There will be a potluck supper after the 4 P.M. Mass January 16.

Next Prayer Leader – Gary Winkler

Next meeting – February 16 at 6 P.M.

Closing Prayer –Mike Birschbach

Respectfully submitted,
Valerie Wiley
Parish Council Secretary

