

**HOLY ROSARY PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 21, 2010**

Opening Prayer - Led by Joan Nisler

Attendance - Members present- Gary Winkler, Valerie Wiley, Bill Wiley, Terry Steiner, Carla Nennig, Fred Weber, Mike Birschbach, Vic Guckeisen, Fr. Harry, Joan Nisler, Herbie Schreiner. Excused - Mike Kutz, Al Ciche

Minutes - The August minutes were approved.

Communications – Bill attended the Pastoral/Finance Council Workshop held on September 18 at the Diocese. He commented that the workshop was good and provided some interesting information. This was open to any council member not just Council Chair positions. A handout was passed around by Bill showing a decline in church attendance, marriages, and baptisms that was discussed at the workshop. (This was surprising information and a bit alarming.) It was also mentioned at the workshop that the Visioning Process is just now beginning in most Parishes.

Open Forum –

- A) ANNUAL PARISH MEETING UPDATE - Terry reported that the meeting went well. There were between 33-35 attendees, and they raised questions on the budget and also the church vent noise and leaking roof. The issues were addressed by the Council/Committee members in attendance – Fred, Gary and Barry.
- B) TRI PARISH MEETING UPDATE – Bill said the Faith Formation and Parish Director are the main focus. The Bishop will make the decision on the Director and this person will need to be in place by July 1, 2011. A meeting needs to be set up with Fr. Tom Long, Director of Ministry, to speak at one of our Parish Council meetings – date to be determined after contacting the Diocese. A suggested meeting time was the Tri Parish meeting in January. Bill will contact Green Bay on this matter. The Parish Council needs to provide the newly formed Area Faith Formation Commission with goals it would like to see the commission research and report on regarding religious education. Parish Council members were asked to bring suggestions to the October meeting. With the linking coming, it was discussed that Kiel and Holy Rosary include Parish information on an insert in each other’s bulletins. Fred talked with Sue, but details are still being worked out.
- C) DONUT SUNDAY - Fred will discuss this with the Welcoming Committee on October 13th. He suggested the possibility of other committees hosting this event.
- D) PARISH 100TH ANNIVERSARY - Fred said the event was nice, and commented on how Bishop Ricken is down to earth and can reach people, and Father said it was beautiful. The Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus participated, and the comment was made about how “regal” everything looked. The dinner and program went well at the Altona. 220 tickets were purchased for the dinner. A huge “Thank You” to Tom Fleming and the Centennial Committee will be in the bulletin September 25th-26th. The question was asked on what the church will do with the replica. Any thoughts or suggestions are welcome.
- E) Diocesan Visioning Process – Our parish has less than two months to complete this process. Fr. suggested a committee of 4 or 5 people to head this up. It can be worked on in different ways, and there is a guideline to help determine how to go about it. An announcement will be made at Mass for anyone interested in volunteering for this process.
- F) MASS PROTOCOL - Bill raised the question on the protocol Holy Rosary should follow if for any reason no priest could show up to say Mass. (This did happen at St. Anna several weeks ago.) Father is working on contact details, but there would be a prayer service in which either Audrey Miller or Diane Klotz would read scripture, Lectors would do readings, and communion would be distributed.

Committee Reports –

Education –

Religious Ed –

- Six catechists attended the Basic training held in Chilton on September 8th. Virtus training is available for those catechists/adults working with children that have not had the session. Carla announced details in the bulletin.
- Catechist in-service was held on September 12th followed by Mass for Catechetical Sunday which is September 19th, but due to the Centennial Celebration was moved to the 12th.
- A Religious Education parent meeting was held September 15th, but no Mass due to Father recuperating for the Centennial celebration. 19 families did not attend. Classes start September 22nd. The Confirmation class will attend all classes up to Confirmation November 7th. The Rite of

Calling will be October 3rd in New Holstein. Mary Jo from Kiel has proposed a combined Reconciliation this year for the three parishes for all students. Parents & Council members were given a Religious Ed calendar indicating grades, times and place for this event. Parents are encouraged to attend with their student(s) to participate. Classes will be held for those grades not partaking on the grade designated nights. Please refer to the calendar for specifics as a letter was on the opposite side.

- A household faith family agreement was distributed to each family to sign indicating that they would attend Mass at least twice a month together. This is new to the program this year.

Youth Ministry

- Carla completed the Youth R.O.C.K. 'S. schedule of events and distributed to families at the Religious Ed parent meeting, and to Parish Council members. Highlights include St. John Bosco Youth Day 10/2, Make A Difference Day 10/23 and Holy Hill Trip, Hubertus 10/31.

Divine Savior – No Report.

Finance Council–

- Gary reported a \$19,000.00 profit at the close of books. There is a small deficit this year and envelope collections are off a bit, but it is early in the year and that is expected to change. There will be an additional line added to the bulletin to provide more information to members on how much it costs to run the church weekly. Sue is adding a line to show “church support needed” and “church support collected” weekly.
- The hearing impaired equipment will be installed in the church.
- Herbie recommended that the Buildings & Grounds committee should meet monthly to see what exactly needs to be done with the facilities. Father agreed that they should meet more often, definitely bi-monthly. It was proposed that the Council should write up/revise the policy, and re-evaluate goals for Buildings & Grounds, Worship, Personnel, and any Committee that is not meeting on a regular basis to stipulate that said committees meet regularly in order to provide current reports to the Council on goals achieved in their mission.
- John Berchem will update the Parish on its financial situation. No specific time determined yet.

Worship/Liturgy – No report. Vic will find out who heads Worship and set up a meeting with that individual.

Welcoming – No report.

Building & Grounds– No report.

Stewardship – No report. Most of the members were working on the Centennial Celebration. They are offering a Women’s Workshop on October 9th at Holy Rosary. Space is limited to 25.

Next Prayer Leader–Mike Birschbach

Next meeting–October 19 at 6:00 pm.

Closing Prayer –Led by Joan Nisler

Respectfully submitted,
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