

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

November 9, 2006

PRESENT: Tom Capretta, Mark Geyman, Kevin Doles, Jack Clifford, Steve Krjnak, Bob Mapel, Piero Capichioni, Dave Douglas and Denise DiVita.

PRAYER: Opened with prayer at 8:35 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Bob Mapel moved to approve the October minutes after corrections were made. Tom Capretta seconded the motion.
- B) Jack Clifford spoke about meeting Bishop Lennon at the Diocese meeting for Parish Council members on October 21st. The Bishop highlighted a few points:
 - 1. He will be going out to the Parishes to meet the parishioners.
 - 2. He would like to get the message of the Church out.
 - 3. He is concerned about the affordability of Catholic Education.
 - 4. He is concerned that 37% of Parishes operate in the red.
 - 5. He is concerned about the lack of vocations.
 - 6. Bishop has no predetermined agenda regarding closing of schools.
- Steve Krjnak spoke about meeting Bishop Lennon:
 - 1. 200 Lay people work with prisoners.
 - 2. The schools impressed the Bishop.
 - 3. It will take him 2 years to go to all Churches.
 - 4. Vibrant Parish Life was discussed, no final decision on clusters.
- C) Father Ireland has called Mayor Welo several times regarding a Gratitude Service and he has not heard back. Steve talked to the Mayor to suggest Notre Dame as the event site. Mark will follow up with the Mayor to see if there are any plans to move ahead with the service.
- D) Kevin Doles discussed the festival:
 - 1. There was a 200% increase in maintenance cost because of labor costs.
 - 2. Propane tanks went from a cost of \$1000.00 to a cost of \$1795.00
 - 3. Garbage pick-up was donated two years ago, last year the cost was \$700.00 this year the cost was \$1400.00
 - 4. Raffle proceeds were down due to lower ticket sales.

COMMISSION REPORT:

- A) Parish Life: Bob Mapel reported to council that there was a weenie roast on October 21st, over 100 people attended. It was an enjoyable

evening. There will be no coffee and donuts next Sunday. The Right to Life group will be selling Krispy Cream Donuts to raise funds for their trip to Washington. Parish Life is also looking to increase their membership.

- B) Spiritual Life: Dave Douglas reported to council that there will be a pot luck dinner held December 2nd for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Ushers and Choir Members. Mark Zamiska is trying to hold a meeting for ushers, they would like to see more women ushers. Discussed having ushers greet people when they enter the Church. Homebound ministry is off to a slow start, Mary Neumann is in charge. Alpha is going well there are about 15 people attending, most are parishioners.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A) Kevin Doles will present Financial statement on November 19th at all Masses.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.
Next meeting is on December 4, 2006.