

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2007

PRESENT: Fr. Ireland, Bob Mapel, Piero Capichioni, Dave Douglas, Mark Geyman, Tom Capretta, and Denise DiVita

PRAYER: Opened with prayer at 7:10.

STATEMENT FROM FR. IRELAND: Fr. Ireland thanked Fr. Ken and the rest of the parish staff for their help while he was away in Rome. Fr. will be going to Rome for a week or so to complete his studies. April 22nd is the Confirmation for the eighth grade students. Holy Week is rapidly approaching; the Easter letters as well as the schedules will be going out soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Minutes from last meeting were not available.

B. Fr. Ireland reported on the following items:

1. Tithing- Collection was down this week however Fr. is happy with the response so far, we do need to keep the spirit going.
2. Heating unit for PFC: We are still looking for a way to fix the unit at a lower cost.
3. Picture books: Almost ready to be sent for printing we are about 3/4ths of the way finished for the one directory and we are waiting to hear from Busson regarding the other directory.
4. School Endowment: We have had a couple of good donations lately the fund is at about \$240,000.
5. Blood Drive: Many people showed up to donate. The wait was long because the process was slow.
6. Clustering: We are in a cluster with Holy Rosary and St. Margaret Mary Parishes. We had hoped to cluster with St. Clare but they went with St. Paschals.

COMMISSION REPORTS:

Parish Life: Bob Mapel reported that the Woman's Guild will be doing the March and April Donut Sundays. They are hoping this will be a good way to advertise the Fashion Show. We are also starting to gear up for the Parish Picnic which will be held on the second Sunday in June.

Spiritual Life: Dave Douglas reported that the Stations of the Cross with Benediction are a very moving program but is not very well attended. Ray Rhode has completed the schedule for the

Eucharistic ministers and Lectors for Holy Week. Adoration program is holding its own, many people are making Holy Hours but there are still some open times. Alpha has about 20 participants. Holy Spirit Day is March 31, 2007 Deacon Sferry will be helping out with the program. The men's fellowship breakfasts are held on Saturday mornings; about 16–18 men attend.

Social Concerns: Fr. Ken reported that the respect Life committee is having a reunion of the people who went to the Washington March. One of the students who attended the event will give a witness. The parishioners continue to be generous in regards to the gifts given to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. The bins for food donations will stay in the Church and the food will be taken to the center housed on the grounds of Christ the King.

Finance Council: in Kevin Doles absence Fr. Ireland reported that the finance council is going over the December & January figures and working on the February ledgers.

NEW BUSINESS:

The question was asked "What Does Parish Council Do?" Fr. suggested that we as a council should consider attending a Diocesan Workshop or Bring in someone to help define what the responsibilities and duties are of a Parish Council. Fr. Also suggested that we review the responses from the census to see what the needs of the Parish may be and what we could possibly do. Dave Douglas felt that the council should be concentrating more on the Spiritual Growth of the Parish. Fr. Ireland thinks that the Council should give focus to the Parish and that this could be accomplished by reviewing the census surveys. Fr. Ken believes that we are close to what a true council should be and that a day of retreat may be helpful for the members.

Mission Statement: A discussion was held as to whether a new mission statement should be created for the Parish. Fr. Ireland would like us to reflect on the statement and see if it is reflective of the Mission of our Parish.

Elections: Elections will be held May 20, 2007. Something will be placed in the bulletin regarding the elections soon. Piero and Steve will be coming off of Council.

Summer Meeting: Meetings will be held in June but not in July or August.

Auction: Committee is talking with Fr. Ireland about possible successors but nothing is final.

Spring Pastoral Council Meeting: April 28th St. Basil will host the Diocese Pastoral Council meeting we need to send one representative.

Festival: First meeting is in April.

Bingo: Bingo is slowly picking up since the smoking ban lowered attendance in December. The issue of the stairs keeping players away was also discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 the next meeting will be April 9, 2007.