

***PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING***  
***St. Francis of Assisi***  
**February 10, 2010**

President Lori Dall opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30 P.M. Members attending were: Lori Dall, Brian Beckmann, Kevin Litteken, Diane Wellen, Steve AuBuchon, Doris Goestenkers, Paul Litteken, Julia Stockmann, Dottie Burton, Frank Dall (Trustee) and Tom Huelsmann (Trustee).

The minutes from the last meeting were approved. It was noted that Carolyn had posted the minutes to the website.

Lori began discussion of the ongoing business – the first of which was the Web page promotion. One person responded to the promotion – Brian Sudholt. Lori will purchase a gas card and present it to the family. The decision was previously made to continue the promotion once a quarter.

Steve shared the Cluster Pastoral Advisory Council (CPAC) Report with the council. The discussion at the meeting centered on the JUST FAITH program and was conducted similar to the meeting which Mike and Linda Schuette shared with our council. We agreed to support the program and the Schuettes' went to all the parish councils to review the program and finally brought it to CPAC for their support. They reviewed that this was a 9 month commitment of reviewing books, movies, field trips etc in search for active social justice. These members would then pay it forward and raise social consciousness to others. The CPAC supported this effort as well. In the past, the CPAC tried to find an effort to support and someone always found an issue but JUST FAITH was perceived as the right thing to do. They also discussed the year of the priest and getting the cluster letter in place. The decision was made to host the meetings alphabetically by town name. The next meeting will be on April 20<sup>th</sup> in Beaver Prairie. The meeting in Aviston went well, especially since Lori was there to greet the other parish representatives. Kevin Litteken volunteered to be President for the organization as well as to be the liaison between the CPAC and the Board of Cluster Finance Councils .

Steve also reviewed the 3-Year Term Transition once again. During the previous discussion we forgot to account for this year, 2010. Kevin Litteken and Diane Wellen agreed to continue for another year – resolving the oversight. Now we just need Father to appoint all those who volunteered and the transition plans are in place to accommodate the 3-year terms in the future.

Lori shared that Tom Robben talked to Phil Pingsterhaus about the High School visits by our eighth graders. Aviston grade school has not visited Central in years- only Mater Dei visits take place today. The school board decided that the visits would take place either during PSR time and the first hour of class to avoid complaints about using too much class time to accommodate the visit.

The council received a “THANK YOU” note from Margie Ottensmeier, our November Unsung Hero. Nominations for our next recipient were reviewed. The decision was made to hold off for the next Unsung Hero until the May time frame. Suggestion was made to add in the bulletin for anyone who would like to nominate for the May recipient. The award requirements were reviewed with the new members. The recipient is acknowledged during Mass, where they receive a plaque for their service.

A brief discussion was held on the Welcome BBQ. The timing of when this should happen was questioned and determined that Fall would be best. Before the Welcome BBQ would be held, the visitation committee would touch base again with the new Aviston residents to determine the possible participation in any event held by the parish. We will revisit whether a BBQ is the right idea or if some other event would be better. Offering new residents to participate in a Mass was also suggested. In order for an event to happen in the Fall, we need to create a visitation committee and an event committee prior to summer since we do not meet during the summer months. Diane Wellen volunteered to get the list of new residents from Betty Richter so we can review the list as a team. Once we review the list, the best way to make this event successful will be discussed.

Steve reminded everyone that the scholarship nominations are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. The application is on the webpage. Last year 12 applications were received and 9 of those applicants received scholarships.

Lori got confirmation that the minutes from each meeting could be approved via email rather than making this the first step on each meeting agenda.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Wellen