

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

St. Francis of Assisi

November 11, 2009

President Larry Harper opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30pm. Members attending were: Father Dan, Larry Harper, Tom Robben, Lori Dall, Lisa Strieker, Brian Beckmann, Diane Wellen, Kevin Litteken, Steve AuBuchon, Frank Dall (Trustee) and guest speakers, Mike and Linda Schuette.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Mike and Linda Schuette addressed the Council about a new 30 week program that began in September called Just Faith. This program focuses on poverty and compassion for the poor as well as other social justice issues. The Schuette's made a request that St. Francis Parish consider helping to fund this program in its first year.

Steve AuBuchon made a motion that we as a Pastoral Council recommend to the Finance Council to support the funding for the Just Faith program. Lori Dall seconded the motion. There were eight members in favor and one opposed.

Steve AuBuchon also made a motion that we as a Pastoral Council propose to the Cluster Pastoral Council that it adopts the Just Faith Program as a cluster social justice project. Larry Harper seconded the motion and all members were in favor of the motion.

The next web page promotion will be in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus breakfast on Sunday, November 29th. The Knights are donating four free breakfasts for the winners. Larry Harper will be creating the question for the contest.

The Project Statements for Web Page Promotion, Unsung Hero, and Welcome BBQ were reviewed.

Lori Dall is working on the next Unsung Hero recognition. Nominations for future awards are being accepted. It was mentioned that we should put the Unsung Heroes in the Messenger for additional recognition.

Nominations for Pastoral Council have been received, and the nominees have been contacted. Fifteen people have accepted the nomination. Kevin Litteken is in the process of getting photographs of all candidates and these will be posted at the entrances of church before the election. The election will be held on December 5th and 6th.

Kevin Litteken gave the Cluster Pastoral Council Report. At the next meeting they will have the final approval of the By-Laws and election of new officers. The next meeting is January 19th, at 7:30pm in the Heritage Room.

Amendments to the St. Francis Parish Pastoral Council By-Laws were presented with several changes. The proposed amendments will change the term of office from two

years to three years with three members being elected each year instead of four members. These changes to the By-Laws will help facilitate continuity within the council. It will also bring our Pastoral Council in line with the Cluster Pastoral Council new By-Laws. A motion was made to approve the amendments. The vote was tabled until the next meeting in accord with the By-Laws. Final vote on the amendments will be at the next meeting.

Steve AuBuchon and Kevin Litteken proposed a way to transition the Pastoral Council to include nine members, electing three at a time for a 3 year term. This will be phased in over the course of three years beginning in 2010.

We are currently in the Year of the Priest. It was suggested to try to get the information about the priests that is read at the start of each Mass on the web page. Father Dan will talk to Techknow Solutions to see if this is possible.

Steve AuBuchon suggested that we try to include more guest speakers from the different ministries to come to our monthly meetings. More will be discussed at the December meeting.

Steve AuBuchon will be admitted into the Candidacy for the Diaconate at the Cathedral in Belleville on November 22nd at 10:30am. All are invited to attend.

The next meeting will be December 9, 2009 at 7:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Strieker, Secretary