

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Francis of Assisi
October 13, 2010

President Lori Dall opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30 P.M. Members attending were: Paul Litteken, Brian Beckmann, Kevin Litteken, Diane Wellen, Steve AuBuchon, Dottie Burton, Doris Goestenkors, Julie Stockmann, Lori Dall, Frank Dall & Tom Huelsmann (Trustees) and Father Dan. Milissa Faust was the guest speaker.

The minutes from the last meeting were approved by Julie Stockmann. Steve brought up a couple of corrections including that Charlie Litteken is the true lead of the RCIA and the pledge amounts were inaccurate. Those items were corrected and submitted to Lori. Steve then made the second to approve the minutes.

Lori introduced Milissa as the guest speaker. Milissa is in her 3rd year as director of Religion Education with support from Carolyn and Father Dan. The PSR program includes about 230 children, 19 teachers and 35 volunteers. All is going well with no issues. The teachers work towards receiving their first level of certification. All teachers use the same textbook and all teach each day. Milissa uses email to reach grandparents/parents/aunts and uncles to help volunteer. 240 out of 385 students participate in PSR- about 15 from each of the lower classes and almost all the upper grades. M-W-F 7:30 to 8:15 teachers arrive about 6:45 and T-Th Masses from 7:30 to 8:07. School is also happy with the program because this follows the bus schedule-win/win process. Good blend- young mothers to grandmas as well as high school volunteers (counts for Senior project). Milissa sends a letter in May so money for the program is received in June. Another program Milissa introduced is called "Acting Like Jesus" in which those recognized receive a prayer card and something fun. 20 kids are recognized in a month. The Adult Education included two bible studies. The first one did well but the second one only had one participant. A new program was developed called "Water Cooler Catholicism" and is much more receptive. Father Dan and Deacon Charlie often attend as well as 12-15 other participants a month.

The question was asked "If there was a planned start for the projects to start? 3 Proposals were sent in the mail including the cry room, painting/carpeting the church & the baptismal fountain and the parish center. No issues for work to begin on the cry room. The feasibility committee is researching possibilities regarding the parish center. We are waiting for the diocese to take the next step in each of the projects.

The final preparations were reviewed for the "Welcoming Party". Doris volunteered to get balloons for the front of the gym and all agreed to make a poster to identify where the event will be held. Remind Father to announce at each Mass. Everyone called the potential participants but very little response was received.

CPAC meeting was moved to November 3rd. Report will be given after this meeting.

Father Dan announced that the clock was fixed but the bells don't ring correctly. The organ was also fixed, however it is not working correctly. Carolyn's computer was sent to be fixed due to the lightening strikes. Ship broken bell is to be fixed – needs a new clapper costing \$500. Holes in the tower need fixed.

Election details were in the bulletin. After next Monday – get voting list together and divide amongst council members – remember term is now 3 years.

NEW BUSINESS

Joint finance and feasibility meetings are both found beneficial. The feasibility committee brought up the question “What is the strategic plan for the parish?” This falls into the pastoral council from the spiritual strategic plan perspective. Maybe the two teams should have a joint meeting. Go back to the information shared by Tom Smith. Brainstorm on where we should be as a faith family in the next 3 to 5 years. This group could be a meeting outside the pastoral council meeting.

The meeting adjourned approximately 9:30 pm. The next meeting will be held November 10th at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Wellen