

## *PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING*

*St. Francis of Assisi*

**November 10, 2010**

President Lori Dall opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30 P.M. Members attending were: Paul Litteken, Brian Beckmann, Diane Wellen, Steve AuBuchon, Dottie Burton, Doris Goesten Kors, Julie Stockmann, Lori Dall, Frank Dall and Father Dan. Kevin Litteken and Tom Huelsmann were not in attendance. Angie Schlimme was the guest speaker.

Julie Stockmann motioned to approve the minutes from the last meeting and the second to approve the minutes was made by Paul Litteken.

Lori introduced Angie as the guest speaker. Angie discussed a couple of ministries that she is involved in – The Servants of St. Vincent de Paul and the Giving Tree. Angie explained how her group broke up from the “National” St. Vincent de Paul group recently. They decided to do this because the dues were continuing to rise, the “National” group required 4 to 5 pages of detailed documents for their activities, not a lot of benefits to belonging, the needs of our area are different from the main group and first and foremost, the money used for dues in the past would be used for the poor in our area. Therefore, they were not allowed to keep the “National” name so changed it to “The Servants of St. Vincent de Paul.” Father noted this should be changed in the accounting system as well as in the envelopes that are collected 3 times a year for St. Vincent de Paul. Father asked Angie to address the name change for the envelopes with Carolyn. Father also suggested that a week before the next envelope goes out that an insert should be made for the bulletin explaining what the group does and stressing how the money stays in our area. He also suggested to discuss the work of her team with the Altar Sodality and the Knights of Columbus to increase understanding and awareness in the parish.

Some of the other points Angie shared on the “Servants of St. Vincent de Paul”

- 10 team members
- Calls come to the rectory and Carolyn notifies the team
- Pre-Background checking and touch base with landlord or power/water company
- All Meetings are confidential
- Struggle to find those in need (some are too proud to request help)
- Never give Cash – pay directly to company or put money on gift card
- About 15 to 18 families helped last year
- Give to groups such as DCSF and BCMW
- Promoted Easter Basket Collection – big success
- Very fulfilling organization to help those in need

Angie also heads up the “Giving Tree”. She asked Lori’s help on this last year as well. This team also consists of about 10 people. Groups such as DCFS, BCMW, Nursing Homes, Women’s Shelter, Foster Kids, Angel Ministries (Children whose parents are in prison) are some of the groups that receive gifts from the “Giving Tree’ donations.

Aviston has been amazing as far as the donations that are received during the holidays. All recipients are in Clinton County.

#### WEB PAGE PROMOTION

Lori will put the next question in the Bulletin this weekend. The prize will be a gift certificate for the Knights of Columbus Breakfast being held the weekend after Thanksgiving- November 28<sup>th</sup>. Lori needs the September minutes posted for this web page promotion.

#### WELCOME PARTY

Lori mentioned that the Welcoming Party was a success. Wendi Zobrist and her mother, Mr & Mrs Kevin Klemkey & family and Robert Feldmann were those that attended that were not committee members. We forgot to give those who attended a cross – Diane will get the crosses to them. Father mentioned that it was great that one of the guests won one of the pumpkins.

#### CPAC

- Outdoor mass this year went well and next year the Mass lands on the Feast of the Assumption – St Felecityas in Beaver Prairie, Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup>
- Stephens Ministries – social service that concentrates on grief ministry in our cluster. Currently this group is using train the trainer concept.
- Just Faith is in the 7<sup>th</sup> week- some funding issues discussed – 3 Participants from Aviston, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Feldmann as well as Carla Haselhorst who will resume as a resource as well as a participant
- Discussed the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Diocese
- Elections happen at the next meeting around the same time we are doing elections-a new member of pastoral council will need to replace Steve – Kevin and Julie would remain the other members
- Ecumenical Prayer Service will be held at St. Augustine on January 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM. All are invited.

#### UPCOMING ELECTION

10 people will be put in Bulletin. Diane is putting the board together and it will be placed on an easel this weekend. Father suggested putting pictures on internet on Church web page.

#### STRATEGIC PLAN

What programs are we missing from the spiritual connections as a pastoral council? Suggestion to brainstorm on how to accomplish our strategic plan – should have a team meeting outside of our pastoral council. Eventually will need to coordinate with the Finance Council for any financial requirements. Bring ideas to the next meeting.

Examples stated in the meeting:

- Retreat (finance committee would address the monetary piece of this effort)
- Mission (invite priest – revival)
- Needs of older people
- Needs of younger people

- Focus/Develop Young Adult Group
- Singles Group (College+)
- Drifters from Church (High School to 30)
- Seniors/Shut Ins
- Outreach/ Evangelism
- Speaker for Youth
- Quarterly Speaker and include it with some type of event such as Soup Supper where parishioners bring in Soup and eat prior to the speaker

Get feel from parish once categories are decided

Include Questionnaire in the Bulletin

#### OPEN ISSUES:

##### UPDATE

Organ, bell and clock are fixed. Electricians are done so all lightening damage repaired. Computer printer and TV still needing fixed. Tomorrow morning clapper will be sent with Tom Huelsmann to get fixed in Ohio

Next Meeting is slated for a Holy Day, so the meeting is being moved to Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Diane Wellen