

***PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING***  
***St. Francis of Assisi***  
**March 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, Paul Litteken, Julia Stockmann, Tom Huelsmann (Trustee) and Father Dan. Dottie Burton, Doris Goesten Kors and Frank Dall did not attend.

Reviewed the decision to approve the minutes via email but realized that the final changes may not necessarily be reviewed by everyone. Father mentioned it was not necessary to read them aloud in the meeting but he would like record that they were approved. We will go back to approving the minutes at beginning of the meeting and will continue to have Carolyn post them to the website.

Lori began discussion of the ongoing business – an update on the Web page promotion. At the last meeting Lori mentioned only one response was received but the following day another response was received. Since the bulletin stated the top two would be receiving gift cards, Lori presented both Teresa Sudholt and Tracy Frey with \$25 gas cards.

Steve reviewed the 3-Year Term Transition with Father since he was not in attendance during the February meeting. The names in red were those to be appointed, Father suggested to eliminate the election dates. The following were included:

- Steve AuBuchon (2010)
- Kevin Litteken and Diane Wellen (2011)
- Paul Litteken, Julie Stockmann and Doris Goesten Kors (2012)

I will forward a copy of this to Father Dan to finalize his appointments. Below is the transition document:

St. Francis Pastoral Council									
Transition Plan									
Elect 4 for a 2-year term	Elect 4 for a 2-year term; Appoint 1 for an additional year	Elect 3 for a 3-year term; Appoint 2 for an additional year	Elect 3 for a 3-year term; Appoint 3 for an additional year	Elect 3 for a 3-year term	Elect 3 for a 3-year term				
2009 Members	2010 Members	2011 Members	2012 Members	2013 Members	2014 Members	REMARKS			
Larry						yellow = elect 4 for two-year term			
Lisa						green = elect 3 for three-year term			
Steve	Steve (A)					Name (A) = appointed for one additional			
Tom									
Brian	Brian								
Kevin	Kevin	Kevin (A)							
Diane	Diane	Diane (A)							
Lori	Lori								
	Paul	Paul	Paul (A)						
	Julia	Julia	Julia (A)						
	Doris	Doris	Doris(A)						
	Dottie	Dottie							
		NewA	NewA	NewA					
		NewB	NewB	NewB					
		NewC	NewC	NewC					
			NewD	NewD	NewD				
			NewE	NewE	NewE				
			NewF	NewF	NewF				
				NewG	NewG				
				NewH	NewH				
				NewI	NewI				
					NewJ				
					NewK				
					NewL				
<b>CPAC</b>									
Steve									
Kevin	Steve								
	Kevin	Kevin (A)							
	Julia	Julia	Julia (A)						
		NewB	NewB	NewB					
			NewE	NewE	NewE				
				NewH	NewH				
					NewK				

Lori stated that she has not submitted a message on the unsung hero in the bulletin as of yet. She will wait until beginning of April to proceed with submitting the Unsung Hero nomination in the bulletin. One nominee was mentioned in the last meeting and a couple more were added during the meeting, however, the nominations would have to be written up to complete the process. A suggestion was made to list the former recipients along with their write-ups on the web page.

A brief discussion was held on the visitation committee. The committee would provide the opportunity to touch base after the Welcoming Committee introduces them to St. Francis parish to determine if they took the time to register with the parish or would be interested in getting involved with the parish at this point in their lives. Concerns were stated about involving the new residents in Mass including that it would work for those who are Catholic but would not appeal to those who are not. Also, they might get the impression that they will be recognized in Mass and that often makes some people uncomfortable. The thought was introduced that a BBQ or breakfast might put new residents more at ease. It was suggested that about 25% at most of the new residents would attend which comes to around 15 people attending with around 25 additional members from the different committees possibly attending. We wound up the conversation by stating that we should get others to join in the committee-such as the Freys who attended last year. We need to come up with a catchy title and get the committee together. Dottie and Doris were not in attendance but were both thought to be good candidates. [They were both asked later if they would like to participate and both agreed to be part of the committee. Lori also agreed to help. Thank you, ladies. We will hopefully meet before the next meeting and get the details together before we invite the Freys to join...more to come.]

Steve shared an insert about the 'Year of the Priest' to be inserted in the bulletin. The pastoral council agreed that the insert would be great to share with the parish and it was approved to be included in the bulletin. Steve will send the insert to Carolyn and she will include as an insert in the bulletin in one of the upcoming weeks. A suggestion was also brought up to support the priest in the diocese through prayer as we do at confirmation time for the confirmandi. Another suggestion was to include a different priest every day as they do on facebook or a blog. The year of the priest will come to a close on the feast day in the middle of June 2010. Below is a sample from page 1 of the insert:

## "Priesthood 101" During this *Year for Priests*

Pope Benedict XVI has proclaimed this the "Year for Priests"! This Year is meant to benefit our priests, but it is also meant to benefit us, the laity. Our priests give their lives for us—their lives are literally spent in service to us. Therefore, a Year dedicated for them is also for us.



During this special Year, treat yourself to some basic information about the priesthood—you'll be glad you did!

### The Sacrament of Holy Orders

*Ordination* is the sacramental act that integrates a man into the order of bishops, presbyters, or deacons. When a man is ordained, he receives a gift of the Holy Spirit that permits the exercise of a sacred power for the service of the faithful. This sacred power comes only from Christ Himself through His Church.

### The Whole Church is a Priestly People

Only Christ is the true priest.

Yet through our baptism, we all share in His priesthood.

There are 2 ways to participate in Christ's priesthood:

- the common (or baptismal) priesthood of the faithful
- the ministerial priesthood of bishops and priests.

The ministerial priesthood is at the service of the common priesthood. Priests' lives are literally spent in service to us. The Church states that the priest's office "is in the strict sense of the term a *service*." Priests exercise their service to us in 3 ways: by teaching, divine worship, & pastoral governance. The ministerial priesthood is one way Christ builds up and leads His Church ... thus every priest is a GIFT to us from God!

### The Importance of the Priest as Spiritual Father

In the natural order, a man and woman are united in matrimony as bridegroom and bride. In the spiritual or supernatural order, Christ is the Bridegroom; His people (we, the Church) are the Bride. Just as new life comes from the union of man and woman, new life comes from the union of Christ and the Church—this new life is GRACE: the life of Christ in the soul, sanctification, holiness.

At Ordination, the priest becomes a real image of Christ, he is betrothed to the Church, and he is given by God the sacred powers of administering the sacraments. When administering the sacraments, the priest acts in the person of Christ, and new life is generated within the Church: the new life of GRACE in the soul. At Baptism, every Christian receives spiritual life from Christ, ordinarily through the spiritual fatherhood of a priest. This spiritual life is nourished with further reception of the sacraments, most commonly those of the Eucharist and Penance.

Spiritually, the priest fathers us into mature life in Christ. Just as a family needs a father, we need priests. Just as a good husband and father undertakes countless sacrifices for his family, the priest lays down his life in service to the Church, giving not only his time, effort, and natural talents, but also an outpouring of sacramental grace. What an incredible gift God gives to us in each and every priest!

No open issues were brought to the table.

Father stated that he spoke with Tammy Kampwerth about the grade school visiting Mater Dei. Basically it was brought to light that the kids not going to Mater Dei felt uncomfortable visiting there and this seemed to present an issue – thus leading to the decision to do it outside of school hours.

Father also discussed the following items:

- A replacement was ordered for the playground for \$780 after talking with the trustees.
- The comments about the entry to the church have all been very complimentary- Brian and team did a fantastic job!
- Desperately looking for a presenting couple for Pre-Cana basically supporting the couples at Pre-Cana and helping with the meal and the activities of the day- if anyone knows of someone who might be interested please get the word out – suggestion was to request for help in the bulletin
- Brochures were sent to Father with topics such as Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Week with cost of \$14.00 a pack of 50. Suggestion was to order the Holy Week brochures and make them available during Holy Week.
- Cluster Finance meeting was going to meet during March to discuss the Faith Formation costs of \$475 to support the cause.
- St Vincent De Paul committee is changing their name as they elected not to meet the requirements of reports and dues that were necessary to be incorporated. Just FYI, the thought was to change the name to Servants of St. Vincent DePaul.

The next meeting will be held on April 14, at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Wellen