

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Francis of Assisi
April 13, 2011

Vice President Paul Litteken opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:45 P.M. Members attending were: Paul Litteken, Dottie Burton, Doris Goestenkors, Julie Stockmann, Frank Dall, Kevin Litteken, Tom Huelsmann, Don Lampe, Susan Bridges and Amy Beer, Diane Wellen and Father Dan.

The minutes from the prior meeting were approved and Paul submitted to Carolyn to be posted in the website.

WEB PAGE PROMOTION

The Web Page Promotion subject was the first topic of business. It was discussed that it just is not taking off as expected. Suggestions for making it more successful were to advertise it in the bulletin, market the page more, make a schedule for the process and get the youth involved.

Currently, CYM has not inserted anything into their part of the website per Father. Tecknow Solutions would actually update the website but the information would come from the parish office. Don Lampe agreed to get with Nancy and get her recommendation of how to get the youth involved, as well as, mention the webpage promotion to get input from the youth on how to get them involved. Father mentioned that email no longer seems to be their mode of communication. Face book and twitter were mentioned but Father indicated that we don't use the office computer for face book because of the high risk of viruses, etc. Suggestions were also made to create a youth calendar of events and let Carolyn have it put on website. It was also mentioned that the youth get involved in updating the website itself. Father also mentioned that the youth page has links that invites the user to a host of additional youth sites. Additional tabs include such subjects as ministry pages, information for those kids who are considering becoming priests or nuns and even videos are linked in the youth page of the website.

CPAC

Kevin discussed the results of the CPAC meeting held the previous Thursday. The cluster's annual Immaculate Conception Holy Day outdoor mass will be held on August 15th at 7:30 at St. Felicis parish. A picture of each parish church for the 6 CPAC parishes is needed by the middle of May so they are available by June 1st.

Kevin also discussed the Stephen Ministry, asocial concerns outreach program. It was originally founded by the Lutheran Church; but, now it interdenominational. Both St. Dominics and St. Augustines applied scholarship money to train for the Stephen Ministry for our area. Kevin mentioned they would like to make it available for whole deanery, training people in the parishes and creating project ministries such as starting training program to work with bereaved. Every year the CSMA allots funds to go back in the deanery to be utilized in grants for startup projects. Last year the funding was for the JUST FAITH program and this year for the hiring of Brother Bob Rapp to help with the

Latinos as parish life coordinator. The Spanish language classes at Aviston were also paid thru these funds. These new programs will bring more people to church and are meant to help link all the parishes.

The JUST FAITH program ends in May- St. Francis had two reps from Aviston attending –the plans are to keep this program going. Social justice towards Latinos continues to be addressed. Latinos are very devout Catholics and Brother Rapp will help to educate us on how to get them comfortable within our communities. Father Jeffries says Mass in Spanish in Damiansville during the summer, which helps keep them connected to the Catholic Religion. A suggestion was made to put a committee together -possibly led by Rhonda Sigfried. The first step would be to invite Brother Bob to speak to us – Kevin will check into making this happen.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DEVELOPING FAITH

Susan Bridges asked for input – a process used where she works called the SWOT analysis.

S - Strengths

W - Weaknesses

O - Opportunities

T - Threats

This method helps gain focus where we need to focus. She asked that an email be sent by April 30th so she could put the information together for the upcoming meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Stewardship Meeting Dates for 2011

May 8th

April 12th

May 14th and May 15th

August 9th 6:30

September 6th 6:30

Time for Talent

Fanning the Flame

125th anniversary celebration of the establishment of the Catholic **Diocese of Belleville**

Bishop trying to downplay this celebration.

More info found on www.ftfdiobelle.org.

OPEN ISSUES/DISCUSSIONS

Amy Beer mentioned the replies she received from asking what the younger members of church would be interested in using the gym. Below are her responses:

- Coed volleyball/basketball
- Zumba classes

- Book Club
- Bible Trivia
- Cooking Classes
- Mother's Group for Advice
- Open Issues Classes
- Kick Ball

Susan Bridges talked to the CYM and brought back their wish list:

- Mass at 4:00 for St. Francis
- Youth Mass from ushering, Eucharistic ministers, offertory/greeters
- Youth Ban (rotate with Cluster – bring in band?)
- Would like to see Father at Mass more often
- Text Message – once a week – words to live by - come up with new web address such as yourchurchcares.com or FrancisAV.com etc – start small
- Campfire Mass
- Father mentioned that we could not do 4:00 Mass due to less and less priests and OPEN GYM is fine

PASTORAL GUIDANCE

Father reported that Warnecke Building Restoration, Inc. is working on the church doing some tuck pointing after discovering paint and mortar was falling.

Feasibility Team is working with architectural firms. Five firms interviewed – choosing one in their next meeting.

Authorizations of diocese required to get jobs going – 3 main resolutions:

- Balcony
- Find Drive and discuss contractors
- Sign contracts

First Reception for the fund raising will be April 28th. Pastoral Council invite to special reception on April 26th at 7:30 in the Heritage Room. This will basically be Dan Imming's and Father Dan's Dress Rehearsal.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 10:00.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 11th at 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Wellen