

Pastoral Council Meeting

St. Francis of Assisi

October 5, 2011

President Paul Litteken opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:00pm. Members attending: Paul Litteken, Susan Bridges, Dottie Burton, Amy Beer, Doris Goestenkers, Julie Stockmann, Don Lampe, Frank Dall, FR. Dan and Bob Rinella of Finance Committee.

Bob Rinella gave finance report

Bob stated how the Weekend offerings are not enough to cover General Operating Fund expenses for the last 3 fiscal years. Money had to be used out of savings. He stated that expenses have been cut, but the cost of everything is increasing. He also stated that funds like Improvement Fund & Preserving Our Heritage Fund can only be used for which they are intended and cannot be transferred to the General Operating Fund.

Pastoral Plan for Parish Renewal and Restructuring:

Father Dan explained the Pastoral Plan for Parish Renewal and Restructuring and asked the core members to review pages 15 thru 19. He set the next meeting date for October 26th at 7:00pm in the Heritage Room. The restructuring Core Group consists of the Pastoral Council, Finance Committee, Members of the KC's, Sodality Officers, Members of the Stewardship committee and the DRE.

Don gave report on Cluster Pastoral Advisory Council (CPAC).

Brother Rapp gave a report on Latino families and some of their hardships that they have to endure. Sometimes they are arrested for minor mishaps; they might sit in jail several days waiting for DEI and have to pay high fines for their release. There are also instances when ones comes into the country as a young person of 4 or 6 years of age and then only to be deported in later years example age of 25. They would be returned to Mexico not knowing the area or relatives.

Unsung Hero

Margret Mondt was presented the Unsung Hero award at the 7:30pm mass on Saturday, October 22nd.

SWOT was postponed until the next Pastoral Council Meeting.

No other business was discussed.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30pm in the rectory basement.

Submitted by Paul Litteken