

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Francis of Assisi
January 11, 2012

President Paul Litteken opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30 P.M. Members attending were: Paul Litteken, Tom Huelsmann, Don Lampe, Susan Bridges, Amy Beer, Julie Stockmann, Diane Wellen and Father Dan. The new members attending include Donna Peek, Marvin Ratermann and Kim Haukap. Members not in attendance include Dottie Burton and Doris Goestenkers.

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

ONGOING BUSINESS:

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The Pastoral Council welcomed the new members just elected including Donna Peek, Marvin Ratermann and Kim Haukap.

PASTORAL PLAN FOR PARISH RENEWAL AND RESTRUCTURING

Susan polled all the numbers gathered from the last meeting and passed them to Father Dan. The results of the poll included the Parish as well as the Parish leadership. Overall the results identified the parish as viable for the next 15 to 20 years. Father handed out the Parish Evaluation Results as well as the Attendance Statistics. The attendance has been reviewed ongoing and has increased slightly from last year.

CPAC

January 17th the meeting will be at St Anthony's in Beckemeyer at 7pm. One of the newly elected members will need to volunteer for the position on the CPAC team. This is a quarterly meeting, which is rotated between the parishes. The members report to their pastoral council the summary of these meetings. This committee contains representatives from each of the 6 clusters. The purpose of the clusters is for long range parish planning initiated by Bishop Gregory. Also the committee addresses the issue of less priests as well as social outreaches such as Just Faith and Stephens Ministries. It requires 3 members from each pastoral council serving a three (3) year term. During the election of new officers, a new member for this team must be determined.

SWOT

The SWOT Analysis was explained to the new members by Susan Bridges.

S - Strengths
W - Weaknesses
O - Opportunities
T - Threats

She explained that we felt our parish had many strengths and would be concentrating on a couple of areas of improvement. One area is to get the 15 to 35 year olds involved in the Church. Amy was working on this by calling some young people during the next week. Father asked “when” she anticipated this occurring – once or twice a week – every other week. Access to the gym could be booking fast so need to determine. Now that it is cold outside more people could be interested in meeting to plan volleyball, basketball etc. A special committee could be formed to help Amy once she gets some feedback from her phone calls. Bible Trivia was another suggestion to get people together. Amy will also include the new people in the community. Amy will report results in next meeting.

PASTORAL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Paul asked the Council if interested in a Christmas Party. The decision was made to not have a Christmas Party for this year.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

The following members were approved for the positions below:

President - Amy Beer replacing Paul Litteken

Vice President – Susan Bridges replacing Dottie Burton

Secretary – Donna Peek replacing Diane Wellen

CPAC member – Marvin Ratermann replacing Kevin Litteken.

OPEN ISSUES/ DISCUSSION

Father discussed that the Winery sent a flyer on Fund Raiser opportunities in which 20 to 25% earned given back to the parish. Suggestions were made to possibly use this option for the Stewardship/Welcoming New Members or a Ladies Day Out.

PASTORAL GUIDANCE

Father Dan shared that a Saturday RCI program is starting in April. This program will meet 2 ½ hours every other week. This is a new model – will see how well it works. Also, it may expand or open a second session for Catholics which may be introduced next Fall. Deacon Charlie, Father Dan and Steve will lead this session.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 9:00 pm

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Wellen