

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
St. Francis of Assisi
September 14, 2011

President Paul Litteken opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30pm. Members attending were: Paul Litteken, Dottie Burton, Doris Goestenkors, , Frank Dall, Kevin Litteken, Tom Huelsmann, Don Lampe, Susan Bridges and Amy Beer, Diane Wellen and Father Dan. Julie Stockmann was not in attendance.

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. The marquee and referencing the site in the bulletin were brought up as options to promote the webpage. The parish site does get a lot of hits so that is not the issue. Several items suggested to update on the website include:

- Changes going on in the parish such as progress with the church projects (however this is noted in the parish website already)
- Teen Space which links to a lot of fascinating topics such as thee biweekly TV program
- Include a link to the pastoral council site from the summary in the bulletin
- Kevin was going to set up a link and demo it
- Nancy can recommend in her meetings
- Recommend different TV shows such as the Faith Life TV show

CPAC

Kevin reported that 18 to 20 Aviston residents attended the mass on August 15th. Around 150 people attended which was considered a great turn out. It was a cool night and cookies/ ice cream were served. October 7th is a meeting at St. Felicitis at 7pm. Brother Rapp will be discussing the Hispanic Ministry in our Deanery. All parishes are expressing the same concern, how do we welcome this group to the church.

UNsung HERO

Nominations for the next Unsung Hero were discussed. The works of Margaret Mondt were presented including all the blankets she has made for the Linus Project, the work in helping at the King's Closet and her help in quilting with several different groups. The council voted to present Margaret Mondt with the next Unsung Hero Award in October 2011. Kevin Litteken was to do follow up research for the presentation. Amy Beer was to check what Mass would work out for the presentation of the Award. Diane will create the flyer for the bulletin and purchase the award to be given to Margaret for her efforts.

OPEN ISSUES/ DISCUSSION

- Time to canvas the parish for candidates for the pastoral council. The final candidates should have their pictures taken and a short blurb on the website. Suggestion was made to include the pastoral council guidelines or include a link on the website to view the guidelines. In October – the bulletin needs to note that it is time for nominations. Kevin will send an email to Carolyn to get input in bulletin the last week of September. The Election is the first Sunday in December.
- STRATEGIC PLAN FOR DEVELOPING FAITH – Susan brought up the subject of continuing the SWOT Process. She identified that we should capitalize on our strengths and concentrate on our weaknesses. The 15-35 year range is the group that we need to bring back to the church. Account for ways to draw this age group into the active parishioner by getting them involved in one of the ministries within the parish such as becoming an usher, Eucharistic minister, adult choir etc. We need to review and pick to pare as to focus on including create committees and/or use texting technology to keep people in the loop and sharing a bible verse.
- The Evangelization Meeting will be held in Belleville on Saturday, October 15th. St Francis will not have any representation at this meeting

FEASIBILITY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The architectural firm has been selected. They came to see the use of the building during the picnic. They will be presenting to pastoral council and finance committee as practice run for the presentation given to parishioners

- Remodel school versus tearing it down
- Advantages and disadvantages of each
- Costs
- Professional input
- Discoveries found by engineers such as Mold found in building Early Fall will be facilitating a presentation

PASTORAL GUIDANCE

The Bishop is looking at renewing and restructuring the diocese due to the shortage of priests. He will be determining which parishes will close. Currently, about 25% of priests serving in the Diocese of Belleville are from other countries.

About 20 “History of the Diocese of Belleville” commemorative books were ordered. We are also on track with the Preserving Our Heritage capital fund drive.;

The meeting was adjourned approximately 9:30 pm.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 12 at 7:30

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane Wellen