

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2009

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Meeting was opened by Fr. Proulx; with a scripture reading and reflection.

Tina Sullivan – Stewardship

One Heart Campaign Update -Totals - \$4,305,555.42 pledged to date toward campaign. Revised scope and planning for Youth Center building. Over \$750,000 collected in paid pledges within 1st year of campaign implementation. The construction committee continues to focus on ways to drive down price of construction through negotiation with architect and contractor for best overall price/value sources taking advantage of current economic challenges. We are very grateful that pledges are being paid even in this difficult economy. Regular updates are scheduled to be included in the parish bulletin. Fr. Proulx is planning to publish an update letter to parishioners.

Annual Pastoral Appeal – Diocesan services appeal– We have completed our 2008/2009 Annual Pastoral Appeal Campaign. We have had a 97% fulfillment rate of those pledges. This is outstanding and a great indication for our current pledges made.

APA for 2009/10: We have just begun to request support in pledges for the new Annual Pastoral Appeal Campaign for 2009/2010 – “Forever Will I Give You Thanks” is the Diocesan theme. The campaign focus is on seminarians, tuition assistance to schools and Catholic Charities. Regular updates of campaign progress will be posted in the bulletin.

Nativity Scrip Program - Planning major parent promotion at Tuition/Budget meeting with school parents with a kid commercial. Will promote use within ministries at parish.

Fr. Proulx’s Report

Tuition assistance to school families has doubled from last year. With a very modest 3% increase in tuition (which will cover insurance increases). School staff will not receive salary increases this year.

Very large crowd at all Masses on Ash Wednesday. Both the church and social hall were crowded. The people who attended the evening Mass had the pleasure of easy parking, thanks to the volunteers who helped with directing traffic.

Community Service – Parishioners were asked to volunteer to assist in light housekeeping chores for our church. Thanks to our generous parishioners, approximately 20 people signed up. Those volunteering will be contacted to set up a schedule. Through the generosity of Shirley Greenwell, we are able to get cleaning equipment and supplies at a reduced cost.

Novemberfest Report – this report was published in the Sunday bulletin

Job Hotline Ministry – A notice was published in the Sunday bulletin with information concerning who to contact to publish positions. A board in the Social Hall lists jobs available.

Talent Show – Susan Fogarty sent preliminary ideas as to how the talent show would be handled. Dates being suggested are July 10 & 11 or July 17 & 18. Details will be announced as they progress. It is planned to have 3 judges.

Liturgy Meeting - Fr. Cippel is meeting with the clergy, deacon, and Liturgical committee leaders, English, Spanish and Teen Mass along with Homebound and Hospital chair people.

La Victoria - During this year on our visits to the mission, we will be putting our efforts into updating and keeping the Nutrition Center up and running efficiently.

Summer School Agenda - This is still in the working stages. Some of the classes being considered are: Faith Formation, Jr. High is planning a Sports Camp, Vacation Bible Study, Tech Camp, Parents Night Out, Scrap booking, Choral Camp, Brandon Jr. Women’s Club (girls 10 – 14), Spanish class, Basketball Camp, Art Camp, Quilting, Home Improvements (6th to 8th grade), Girls Basketball, Early Childhood Camp, Girl’s Volleyball Camp, and Calligraphy.

Lenten Mission – Fr. Charles F. Krieg, CM will be conducting this mission. Fr. Proulx said we are in store for an excellent treat.

Career Workshop – Linda McCarroll reported that the class was very beneficial to those attending. The keynote speakers were very effective and are willing to do it again even though there were not as many participants as we expected. The participants would like to see this workshop offered again. Surveys were passed out afterwards and there was great feedback. It was felt that reservations should have been taken and in the future more advertising at other parishes, newspapers, FM radio and also mentioned at Sunday Masses. This project is not only for parishioners but for the community. Fr. Proulx will also present this at the Deanery.

New Members for Pastoral Council - Bulletin announcements will be published on two Sundays in March and council members will be in the social hall to give applications to anyone interested. The application will also be on our website on those two weeks.

English Lessons – Ileana has received permission to have classes on Monday and Thursday evenings beginning with the next session. Cost of supplies will be \$15.00 per student. She is asking if we have anyone who could help with tutoring a school-age Hispanic boy.

Crown Ministries –This is a Christian approach to finances. Fr. Proulx asked if anyone would be interested in getting more information on this program. It was suggested that we have someone with a financial background look into this.

Winter Visitors - It was suggested that a notice be put in the bulletin twice a year wishing our winter visitors a safe trip home in the spring and another notice glad to have them back with us to worship.

Next Meeting – Monday, April 6th

Attendees: Virginia Baum, Mary Ann Berkhimer, Janet Caraballo, Antonio Cartagena, Joseph Casaccia, Rhea Lambert, Dee LoPresti, Linda McCarroll, Sue Mokris, Jo O’Brien, Gary Rabenold, Arturo Rivera, Tina Sullivan

Excused absences, Art Barlaan, Kevin Kraemer

Respectfully submitted: Dee LoPresti