

Pastoral Council Meeting
July 29,2001

Members Present: Chris Bevan, Rey Bonjoc, Don Byrne, Lin Diacont, Noel Eugenio, Cindy Gettsy, Nina Henry, Shirley Husz, Dawn Kelly, George Kraynak, Pat Laughlin, Kristi McManus, and Fr Jim.

This month's meeting was a retreat at Shalom House. It opened Friday with dinner, prayer service and social time. Saturday began with breakfast, Mass and the business meeting. The committees that needed liaisons were introduced and the new member chose the group they wanted to represent. The list of meeting dates was passed around so members could sign up for hosting. Don explained the web-based reports for liaison reports. It was suggested that the minutes be filed also so they could be available on the web page. Commissioning weekend will be Aug 18-19 and members were asked to attend all Masses to be introduced. A Stewardship Fair will be held Sept 8-9 after all the Masses. Parish Council was asked to be available to assist and answer any question parishioners may have.

Liaison Reports:

Christian Care (Cindy Gettsy) No report

Christian Formation (Noel Eugenio) Shirley mentioned that Vacation Bible School would be held this month.

Finance Council (Lin Diacont) this was the only formal report submitted. The county will soon release the bond for the parking lot; additional lights are in the process of being installed. The final draft of the budget is being submitted. The bank has suggested we keep the loans as is because the higher rate loan will soon expire and the interest on the second loan is at a lower rate than now being offered. The money committed on the stewardship forms is lower than we need to balance the budget and the sale of grocery gift certificates is down. Many suggestions were made by the council to try to remedy the income concerns. "Good News" (Dawn Kelly) Rey reported that more articles are needed. The list of people that signed up on stewardship forms may solve the problem.

Junior Youth (Rey Bonjoc) no report

Senior Youth (Katie Stilwell & Kelly Gerloff) No report

Outreach (Jack Murray) No report

RHVT (Nina Henry) Next potluck is scheduled for Aug 4. Council member urged to attend. The potlucks will be scheduled every other month.

Stewardship (George Kraynak)

Small Communities (Chris Bevan) Meetings will resume in Sept.

Worship (Kristi McManus) No meeting

Web Site (Don Byrne)

Pastor's Report

We have a plumber testing the Baptismal Font to possibly locate the leaks. The initial test seems to indicate an architectural problem. Further testing will be done. We may still go into arbitration. We may also hire a structural engineer to investigate.

Caritas will be at our church starting Saturday Aug 25.

Many members of the Stewardship Council terms have ended. The parish is sending letter to invite people to serve on this council. Initially 20 letters were mailed and now an additional 50 are being sent

The next meeting is August 22,2001.

Pastoral Council Meeting
August 22, 2001

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Shirley Husz hosted the meeting. Shirley shared some prayers. Michael Castlevecchi, an Eagle Scout and member of the parish, presented his project idea. He would like to create and mark parking spaces in the grassy area of the parking lot. Council approved his project and he now has to have it approved by the Scouts.

Chris reported that eleven people volunteered to formulate "marketing" concepts to enhance stewardship. These people committed on the monthly sign-ups a few months back. They will be meeting Sept 11 to begin brainstorming. We look forward to considering their ideas.

Caritas begins Aug 25 and the Parish Councils are jointly providing dinner on Sunday. Shirley will purchase and cook a spiral ham and Dawn will deliver it to church. Anyone interested may join in the serving and sharing of the meal. Donations will be collected at our next meeting.

The idea of ethnic diversity was discussed. As we are growing many people joining our church are from other cultures and countries. There is a need to reach out to these people, both to welcome them and to help them with language differences. Noel was asked to come back with some ideas to start "cultural ambassadors." Cindy Jennings suggested we designate an International Sunday to speak to the community about this concept. We will be seeking volunteers to both plan intercultural events and to offer assistance to people with language difficulties. These groups could cooperate with Small communities of faith as well as RHVT and Community life.

Liaison Reports:

Christian Care (Cindy Gettsy) Be frienders need more volunteers. A training session will be held in Oct. A video is being planned and articles in the "Good News" to heighten awareness and interest.

Christian Formation (Noel Eugenio) VBS was a success. Registration for RE classes will be accepted until Aug25. More volunteers are needed for Liturgy of the Word and for teachers in the Youth program.

Finance Council (Lin Diacont) A Stewardship letter is going out to the people who pledged last year and not this year. End of year financials was reviewed and it was proposed that only necessary bills be paid until financial situation improves.

"Good News" (Dawn Kelly) Carole Kipp is new editor. All articles are to be submitted to her. Dawn Kelle will do layouts. Youth news will be shortened and detailed youth information will be available on the web site.

Junior Youth (Rey Bonjoc) No meeting

Senior Youth (Katie Stilwell & Kelly Gerloff) No report

Outreach (Jack Murray) No report

RHVT (Nina Henry) More ambassadors are needed. All new families are not being contacted. The next meeting is in Nov and the next Potluck is Oct 20.

Stewardship (George Kraynak) No report

Small Communities (Chris Bevan) Programs will resume again in Advent.

Worship (Kristi McManus) No report

Web Site (Don Byrne) LeRoy and some Youth are working on the youth web pages. The calendar, minister assignments and Outreach pages are available online. Other assignments will be made shortly.

Pastor's Report

A meeting is scheduled to discern the direction the Parish will take to remedy the Baptismal font problems. More information will be available next month.

Thank you, George Kraynak for the pamphlet racks.

Pictures of the Parish Council need to be updated.

Ron Reger will become a Prayer Leader and Margaret Johnson will be assisting at funerals only.

The next meeting is September 26, 2001.

Pastoral Council Meeting
September 26, 2001

Members Present: Chris Bevan, Rey Bonjoc, Don Byrne, Lin Diacont, Noel Eugenio, Cindy Gettsy, Dawn Kelly, George Kraynak, Pat Laughlin, Jack Murray, Fr Jim and Sharon Phillips.

The meeting was at Cindy Gettsy's home. The prayers and music she shared was inspiring and comforting. The group shared feeling concerning the events of Sept. 11. All of us are effected and we know that we will never be the same and the whole parish is equally touched and changed. We need opportunities to talk about our fears and concerns.

Noel is forging ahead with the idea of cultural ambassador. There has been a flyer in the Sunday bulletin; an article that will appear in the Oct "Good News." He will also speak at all Masses the weekend of

Oct 6-7. The Council would like the parish to embrace this idea. More information will be coming in the future.

Sharon updated budget information. One concern is that we do not have extra money for emergencies. A group may be formed to review our physical plant and determine a plan to address repairs and to determine budgeting needs.

Liaison Reports:

Christian Care (Cindy Gettsy) No report.

Christian Formation (Noel Eugenio) 380 children are registered as of our meeting. Teachers are still needed for some Youth classes. Adult parishioners are strongly encouraged to participate in Adult RE.

Community Life (Shirley Husz) An organizational meeting was held Sept. 19. Subcommittees are RHVT, Reception, Supper, coffee ministry and Baker's Dozen.

Finance Council (Lin Diacont) Exterior lights is installed and working. The baptismal font is an ongoing problem. Now that Ukrops is selling us debit cards, the profits are increased from 5% to 7%.

"Good News" (Dawn Kelly) A graphics artist is needed to do layouts. Dawn is filling the position until a volunteer comes forward.

Junior Youth (Rey Bonjoc) The youth news is now on-line. The web page will soon be interactive. A hockey game with concert to follow is being planned.

Senior Youth (Katie Stilwell & Kelly Gerloff) No report. Dawn will speak to LeRoy about the possibility of have reports submitted on-line to keep us updated.

Outreach (Jack Murray) Respect Life may change name to possibly Legislative Advocacy. The Habitat house is almost completed. Money raised by the Yard Sale was huge.

RHVT (Nina Henry) No report

Stewardship (George Kraynak) You are advised to read "To be a Christian Steward" the summary of the US Bishops pastoral letter. Next commitment weekend is Oct20-21.

Small Communities (Chris Bevan) The first Friday prayer services will begin Oct 5. Ron is stepping down as chair and Fr Jim is asking Bob Seifert to assume the position.

Worship (Kristi McManus) No report

Web Site (Don Byrne) Tommy Neumann is posting the calendar on-line. The Youth page is up. Don now needs people to work on pages for different committees in the parish.

Pastor's Report

The update on the Baptismal Font is that the waterproofing membrane stops at the floor level. We are attempting to remove the bottom step in the font to see if the waterproofing is compromised or to see if they can follow the route of the leakage. The problem is this step may have to be broken to be removed. The job of Social Minister may become a full time position in the near future. The salary difference may be taken from the social ministry budget for this fiscal year as it has only been budgeted as part-time.

The dedication of the Habitat house is Saturday Oct 27 at 1pm. The council is invited to attend.

The Knights have requested a brick in the Worship area to be dedicated to those who died in Sept 11th disasters.

A Coke machine has been installed in Genesis Hall at the request of the Youths of the parish.

The next meeting is October 24, 2001.

Pastoral Council Meeting
October 25,2001

Members Present: Chris Bevan, Rey Bonjoc, Don Byrne, Lin Diacont, Cindy Gettsy, Shirley Husz, Dawn Kelly, George Kraynak, Pat Laughlin, Jack Murray, Kristi McManus, Terri Colville and Fr Jim.

The meeting began at Hanover Courthouse. Fr Jim, Chris, George and Pat attended the annual meeting of the Hanover Domestic Violence Task Force. Fr Jim accepted an award for Bon Secour's contributions to help victims of domestic violence. The candle light assembly, dancers and the individuals who shared some of their experiences were very moving.

The meeting continued at the home of George Kraynak. The possibility of setting up a Parish e-mail database was discussed. This could be used to contact people about upcoming events and important information. It would be much easier and quicker than mail. Don said he would work on this.

Liaison Reports:

Christian Care (Cindy Gettsy) Befrienders needs men to talk to other men. Also a co-ordinator is needed for the transportation committee.

Christian Formation (Noel Eugenio) Children's Re is planning an All Saints program as well as an Advent workshop. Adult RE is planning a book fair during Advent. Also a Prime Timers study group is being formed.

Community Life (Shirley Husz) No report

Finance Council (Lin Diacont) the baptismal font problem has been identified. Repair costs will probably go to arbitration. The three loans are being consolidated and refinanced. Three new computers are being purchased at no cost to the Church.

"Good News" (Dawn Kelly) Everything is currently going smoothly. A graphic artist is still needed; this person needs to be familiar with Page Maker.

Junior Youth (Rey Bonjoc) the Lock-in will be in January. Youth will be selling donuts and hot chocolate after Masses soon.

Senior Youth (Katie Stilwell & Kelly Gerloff) No report.

Human Concerns (Jack Murray) this committee was formerly called outreach. The food pantry donations can be brought to church on any Sunday.

RHVT (Nina Henry) No report

Stewardship (George Kraynak) Commitment Sunday will be Nov 10/11.

Small Communities (Chris Bevan) Ron will be asked to continue his leadership this month. A new co-ordinator is being sought.

Worship (Kristi McManus) No report

Web Site (Don Byrne) Tommy Naumann, Aaron Husz and Sean Kelly are all working on web pages. People interested in helping to maintain and update sites please contact Don Byrne.

Pastor's Report

It has been determined that the leaking in the Baptismal Font is both an architectural and a contractor fault. The waterproofing was not installed properly. It was also not designed to completely cover the interior of the font.

A committee is being assembled to address repairs and maintenance to the church buildings. This is needed to forecast problems and prevent emergency repairs. It will also help to budget money. They will report to the Finance Council.

Fr Jim voiced gratitude to the dedication of the Parish staff. Everyone gave extra time and talent to minister the community!

The next meeting is November 28, 2001.

Pastoral Council Meeting
November 28, 2001

Members Present: Chris Bevan, Rey Bonjoc, Don Byrne, Lin Diacont, Noel Eugenio, Cindy Gettsy, Nina Henry, Shirley Husz, Dawn Kelly, George Kraynak, Pat Laughlin, Jack Murray, Kristi McManus, and Fr Jim.

Lin Diacont hosted the meeting. The main focus was to discern the vice-chairperson. With prayer and discussion Lin Diacont was elected to this position. He will be the chairperson for next year's Parish Council.

Details for the Christmas party/meeting next month were also discussed.

Liaison Reports:

Christian Care (Cindy Gettsy) No meeting

Christian Formation (Noel Eugenio) Adult Ed did not have a meeting. Children's Ed finalized preparations for the Advent workshop. Twenty-five families were expected to attend.

Community Life (Shirley Husz) No meeting

Finance Council (Lin Diacont) outside classrooms has been refurbished with new siding and gutters.

Proposed cost to repair the baptismal font is \$25,00.00.

"Good News" (Dawn Kelly) The format is being changed to Word. Information pertaining to our parish is needed. A request that all liaisons have committees submit information on upcoming activities and events so readers can be aware of what is happening in our parish.

Junior Youth (Rey Bonjoc) Adult volunteers are needed for workcamps this summer so youths can participate. Eighth grader will attend a leadership conference in Lynchburg.

Senior Youth (Katie Stilwell & Kelly Gerloff) No report.

Human Concerns (Jack Murray) the Habitat for Humanity house was dedicated in October.

RHVT (Nina Henry) No report. Nina said this committee needs to be rethought. It is not working. New families are not being contacted due to lack of volunteers. Ideas for a new approach will be discussed in the future.

Stewardship (George Kraynak) A concern is that all people who volunteer on the monthly forms are not being contacted.

Small Communities (Chris Bevan) Fr Tom spoke at all the Masses in November and some new people have shown interest. The group needs to organize the next step in forming SCoF.

Worship (Kristi McManus) No report

Web Site (Don Byrne) Calendars are up on the web. Parishioners can subscribe to be on an e-mail list.

Pastor's Report

The financials that are reported in the weekly bulletin are now in accord with the approved budget. The information prior to November was being compared to the proposed budget instead of the one that was final.

Fr Jim shared a document approved a few years ago in regard to fundraisers. Any one organization can only sponsor two events per year. In this way everyone has a fair opportunity. The Knights are planning a comedy night.

We are going to arbitration over the baptismal font. This may be a long process and hopefully we will have a font that works properly in the future.

The next meeting is December 16, 2001