

Parish Council Minutes - May 5, 2010

If you have any questions or concerns for the Pastoral Council, you can contact the Council at the link found on our parish website: nativitycatholicchurch.org

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

Janet Caraballo welcomed everyone and introduced our speaker, Patrice Fee.

Golden Jubilee – Patrice Fee

Patrice outlined ideas she and Bonnie Ussery, who are co-chairing this event, had discussed and a tentative calendar for the Golden Jubilee was presented. The celebration would begin in November 2010 to coincide with the beginning of the church year in Advent. The dedication of the Youth Center will be celebrated by Bishop Lynch on December 4th at the

4 pm Mass. Ideas they are exploring are: A slogan for the event, it was suggested that it be open to the parishioners for ideas. A Thanksgiving Dinner or a dinner to serve the poor is also being discussed. They are looking into having a Prayer Card indicating our thanksgiving for the past 50 years and building God's Kingdom. They also suggested that we sell a Nativity Jubilee Christmas ornament and everyone thought it was an excellent idea and it would also bring revenue in to help defray the cost of this year-long event. They are still exploring the idea of having a Golden Jubilee book that would be a keepsake and would outline what had been done in our parish over the past 50 years. Fr. Proulx asked the committee to incorporate the fact that we were started as a mission out of St. Clement's Parish. Banners would be placed in different areas of the complex throughout the year-long event. An idea to have a musical celebration with appropriate music or have guest musician or choirs from other parishes. Nativity Catholic School will also be celebrating 50 years this fall and it was thought that they could incorporate Grandparents Day, Catholic School Week, School Gala and Christmas program. Sometime in January, February or March before Ash Wednesday, which is March 9, 2011, a Pioneer Dinner or similar event that would recognize long-time parishioners. Possibly checking out how many people have been baptized here at Nativity. All ministries will be asked to submit what they had done in the past to the present time and will be asked for their ideas on this event. The committee invites anyone who is interested in helping to contact them.

Pastor's Report

Construction on the Youth Center is on schedule. It is hoped to be completed by Novemberfest.

Fr. Proulx attended a Leadership Course at the diocese and will get more information to see if it can be tailored to parish leadership. There will be a parish survey this year that will focus on restructuring each parish in the diocese in all aspects of parish life.

Fr. Proulx asked Gary Rabenold to share the process used to choose Pastoral Council Members. Gary told the council the goal of the sub-committee was to select people who would form

a representative council that reflected the diversity of the parish in demographics, ethnic background and involvement in the various parish ministries. He went on to say the choice was a difficult one due to the many qualified candidates.

Updates - Linda McCarroll

Evangelization – New evangelizations cards have been printed through the faith formation office to be given out to many of the ministries in an attempt to evangelize our Catholic faith and to encourage people who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith to come to the inquiry sessions. The inquiry sessions are held almost every other week in the Adult Ed building. It is an opportunity for many to ask questions in an informal setting before they are ready to commit to the RCIA program.

Food Pantry Truck Leasing – Linda has looked into leasing a refrigerated truck for the Food Pantry but at present this is not an option. More information needs to be compiled.

Career Workshop – It is on hold for now. She will be contacting Rob Martin to see if there are any funds available for this project. Linda said that St. Stephen's is offering a course now and everyone is invited.

Updates - Janet Caraballo

Janet presented a review of how the Pastoral Council had accomplished the Mission Statement of the council during the past year. The hard work of all the members is greatly appreciated.

Janet said we have a teacher who is able to teach non-English speaking parishioners during the month of May. A notice has been running in the bulletin for students. Irma Reyes said she knew a qualified woman who is a teacher and would talk with her.

Members were reminded of the National Day of Prayer at which Fr. Shea would participate.

A reminder for the council commissioning on Saturday, June 5th and the date of the get together was changed to Friday, June 4th because Fr. Proulx is scheduled to say Mass at the Emmaus weekend.

Janet thanked the entire outgoing council members for their dedication and wished them success on what they would do in the future.

Meeting was closed with a prayer.

Next meeting Wednesday, June 2nd at 6:30 pm

Members present were Art Barlaan, Virginia Baum, Janet Caraballo, Dee LoPresti, Linda McCarroll, Jo O'Brien, Gary Rabenold, Irma Reyes, Kirven Speed,

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