

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes—June 2, 2010

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

Janet Caraballo welcomed our new members and guests, everyone then introduced themselves.

Men's Club-Ed Buckley

Ed said the general membership meets on the third Sunday of the month and has a bible discussion at the meeting. This is the third year they have been offering the fish fry during Lent; each year it has surpassed expectations. This year on the first day over 700 dinners were served. The Boy Scouts have been very helpful with this project. The Scouts not only earn service points but receive 75 cents per plate. The Scouts also get to keep the money from the sodas and desserts which help with troop projects. Putt-Putt is another event that is sponsored by the club. They have also begun helping 3 shut-ins with projects that could not be done by themselves, such as yard work, etc. The members are supervising teens to assist them with becoming involved in helping those in need. The Men's Club also built a portable grill which they have already used to help with different functions at the church and school, one being they helped cook for the senior graduation dinner. The club is involved with helping many different ministries in the church. Fr. Proulx asked the Club to concentrate on not charging for some events, but focus more on fellowship. Membership is open to men of all ages.

Pastor's Report

Fr. Proulx reported that the construction on the youth center is going well and is on target. The principles are all working together and Luke Franz has brought in one of his own workers to assist them.

Our 18 to 30 year old parishioners are a very important group in our parish and Fr. Proulx has given them a free range to help them get started. We are committed to assist them in any way we can. Ryan Scannell was not able to give his report on what is planned for the students who are graduating this year because time did not permit. At our next meeting Ryan will be bringing us up to date on what is happening with the group. He will also be telling us about a Mission trip that is being organized. Brother Jochaim, a friend of Fr. Proulx, will be accompanying the group on the trip.

The diocese is starting a program entitled Service God's People. This will result in new strategies and structures to better serve the local faith communities. You will be hearing more about this in the future.

Eucharistic Adoration - Dee LoPresti

A parishioner said she knew that the priests were very interested in having as many people as possible attend the Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays. She wondered if it would be possible for school children to spend some time in the Chapel on Friday's for the purpose of helping them understand the importance of praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To this end, Fr. Proulx has contacted the school and suggested that this be implemented.

Catholic Leadership Institute – We are looking into the possibility of offering a leadership course to our parishioners, but at this time the Institute only has the resources available for the priests, church staff and faith formation department. Fr. Proulx will be attending the course for priests when it begins. We will continue to research what courses are available for our parishioners.

New Business & Updates – Janet Caraballo

Janet has been in contact with Edgar Robles, who is teaching English, and he said it is going very well. It was suggested that they offer the classes on the same schedule as the school. Janet is also talking with Irma Reyes about other options.

New members were given a copy of the Council Charter. All members were reminded that we will have a Day of Reflection sometime in October.

Art Barlaan was thanked for opening his home to host the yearly social. Janet reminded everyone that seats were reserved for them and their families for the commissioning of new members at the 4 PM Mass on June 5th.

The meeting was closed with a prayer

Those attending: Mary Anderson, Art Barlaan, Janet Caraballo, Jeannette Kochik, Dee LoPresti, Marvin Hoffman, Mel Obasi, Sue Mokris, Denisse Rentas, Irma Reyes, Bill Seaman, Kirven Speed.

Excused absences: Jim Ussery, Virginia Baum, Gary Rabenold