

# Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2010

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

## ***Young Adults Single & Married - Emily Ballans***

*Emily stated that Jim Lambert instigated the idea for this program and she and Eric Papp will be spearheading it. The group they are aiming toward is the Catholic Young Adult/Professional from the time they leave school until they marry and have children. The purpose is to increase this group's attendance at church and meeting others around their age. Three main items being focused on are the Mass, the readings and greeters. It was suggested that it might be more socially appealing to have sport type events or meeting at a coffee shop, etc. A Face book page has been started and it was also suggested they use LinkedIn, which is a networking site for professionals; also a theme or service project might be helpful. They would like to have some sort of a religious program after the 10:30 am Mass. Jim Ussery said there is a church that has 1100 young adults on a weeknight. Reaching these young adults through technology seems to be the way. It was felt that the name of the group might be YOUNG ADULTS BEFORE CHILDREN. This would make them feel more connected.*

## ***Golden Jubilee – Bonnie Ussery***

*Bonnie, Patrice Fee and Tina Sullivan met to formulate ideas. This celebration would coincide with the opening of the new youth center. It would be a yearlong event with something happening once a month and ending with a pilgrimage. They would like to create a theme for each month with the possibility of a video in the social hall or church to highlight the event. A contest where the school children could be involved might be possible. Also discussed were: a Pioneer Dinner,*

*Welcoming New Parishioners and a Day of Reflection, possibly honoring members who have been in the parish over 30 years. Frank Shannon has volunteered to oversee the writing and input of a hard back or soft back book highlighting the history of the parish and priests. A DVD was suggested to possibly go along with the book. All ministries would be involved. A memory case with much of the memorabilia that the parish has stored away could be placed in the social hall. This would give the children and parishioners an opportunity to learn about the parish and what had been done in the past. Budget for this event is uncertain. They welcome anyone who would be interested in helping with the event.*

## ***Parish Nurse – Mel Obasi***

*Mel returned to give the council an update of what would be happening with this ministry. Mel said she had 8 RN's, who are parishioners that would be committed to 2 hours per month to help. They will be setting up in the social hall beginning in May after the 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses. They will perform blood pressure tests and also each person will be given a short survey asking what services might interest them. A poster board will be set up in the social hall with all necessary information. Mel and one other member are certified instructors that can teach CPR and first aid and she also is a facilitator in Advanced Care Planning.*

### ***Pastor's Report***

*Plans are in the working as we speak. The old youth shack has been cleaned out. We will have rocks available in the social hall so parishioners can sign their names. The rocks will be put in the foundation. On our groundbreaking day, we will begin with registrations for a fun walk/run. Sisters Jackie and Pauline will be heading the race in a golf cart, the school band will perform and there will be a large crane for everyone to see as it takes the first swing in the demolition of the old youth center. Msgr. Lara will be on hand for our groundbreaking ceremony.*

### ***Career Workshop – Linda McCarroll***

*A workshop will take place in the summer for young adults.*

*Linda also visited the Food Bank and found one of the biggest needs is a refrigerated truck to protect the food upon pickup.*

### ***Scrip – Sue Mokris***

*More parishioners are inquiring and signing up for this project.*

*Janet reminded everyone that the Pastoral Council will be meeting at 6:15 pm on April 7<sup>th</sup> to pray for 1 hour for discernment in the selection of new council members.*

*Fr. Proulx closed the meeting with a prayer.*

Attendance: Virginia Baum, Janet Caraballo Dee LoPresti, Linda McCarroll, Jo O'Brien, Gary Rabenold, Kirven Speed, Jim Ussery

Excused absences: Art Barlaan