

St. Clement's Pastoral Council

Meeting: 2/11/2008

Present: Ernie Gailor, Natalie McDermott, Lorraine Kelleher, Bill McLellan, Dara Flanagan, Rhonda Hislop, Fr. Tizio, Pat Reo, Barbara Garro, Nancy Osberg-Otrembiak, Joyce Ponerella, Joanne Farrell, John Olenik, Trip Gagnon, Marie Harrison

Opened Prayer—Joyce

Fr. Tizio suggested that next month or in a separate meeting we begin the process of planning the next three years. Fr. will have Fr. Wood come from the Redemptorists to address any concerns the Pastoral Council (on behalf of all parishioners) have about the closing of St. Neuman's and how this affects St. Clement's. We should begin to think about who we are, where we are now, where we are going/where do we want to be, what kind of leadership we need, the good things about St. Clement's, and the problems facing us. We need to consider all of these things in planning for the next three years, and for our conversation with Fr. Wood. It was decided we would add an announcement to the bulletin with those specific questions for parishioners, asking them to leave responses for us (perhaps in the suggestion box) so we can formulate a plan and questions for Fr. Wood.

Greeters Ministry: Lenten Welcome Cards have been placed on tables/desks near or just inside entrances of the church. Nancy will keep these replenished. Some Greeters wanted to know if we could have Greeters for Easter. It was agreed

Called to BE Church: Barbara reported that she is on the finance committee and that looking at the three choices given (close, merge, or link), finance is looking at linkages. Barbara also asked that anyone who is asked about Called to BE Church and what is going on should be sure they have the proper information and authority to respond.

Picnic: Trip reported that he and John have chosen subcommittees and asked for folks to volunteer to work on them. The subcommittees and who will work on them are: tents (Ernie); games (Trip); face painting/clown (Barbara); food/condiments/paper plates/utensils (Dara, Pat, and Rhonda); prizes (Marie); publicity (Nancy); ice cream (John); music (Ernie); bunnies with Gina (Nancy); pig (John). The picnic will be on Sunday, Sept. 7th.

April Fellowship: Marie passed around a sign up sheet for volunteers to help at all masses. Joanne noted a discrepancy in the date, as she noted the school is supposed to be having the Fellowship on Apr. 27 (which is the date we thought we were supposed to manage). Joanna will check on this.

New Music Books: At this time they are about half-way completed, but more back covers are needed.

Altar Steps: It was felt that more tape is needed on the steps where the choir chairs are.

General Feedback and Comments:

- Bill asked Fr. if we could set up 4 or 5 school scholarships given by St. Clement's for those in need. Fr. explained that the church is already sponsoring 7 or 8 kids and gives money in a good sized amount.
- Comment about a need to use envelopes if you contribute electronically.
- Comment about the office closing during special lunches and no one is at the window to help people. It was noted that this only happens on rare occasion.
- It was noted that the new PC member's pictures are not up yet. John is taking care of this.

Closing Prayer: Natalie

Next meeting is on Monday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m.