

St. Clements Pastoral Council
Meeting, June 8, 2009

Present: Trip Gagnon (Chair), Pat Reo (Co Chair), Father Paul Borowski (Pastor), Suzanne Cleary, Tom Francomano, Lorraine Kelleher, Bill McClellan , Walt Pazderski, Joyce Ponserella

Absent: Christopher Case, Barbara Garro, Nancy Osberg-Otermbiak

Subcommittee Discussions:

Outreach Subcommittee: (Walt Pazderksi, Suzanne Cleary, Tom Francomano)

The subcommittee provided an initial proposal to build greater parishioner involvement. In this proposal the subcommittee brought up four questions to look into:

1. To whom should we reach out?
2. Why this Group?
3. How should we structure our efforts to reach out to this group?
4. How can we provide follow up and support once our targeted group is engaged?

The first question was discussed. In our next meeting we will discuss the second question.

Evening of Prayer and Music: (Nancy Osberg-Otermbiak, Pat Reo and Barbara Garro)

The evening of prayer and music is tentatively scheduled for October. Barbara followed up with the school. There is interest in having the children participate by writing prayers.

Fall Picnic: (Lorraine Kelleher to chair, all to participate)

The picnic remains scheduled for Sunday September 20th. Trip and Lorraine met on Saturday, June 13th to review the details and organize this effort. The Pastoral Council is looking to make this more of a "Community" based event which would include other Organizations (i.e. The Youth Ministry, The Knights of Columbus, and The Ladies of Charity). The Picnic will be reviewed in greater detail at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Father Paul mentioned that the Building and Grounds committee is working on moving and replacing some of the speakers in the Church.
- Suzanne brought up the idea of a St. Clements's Cookbook. This could be a fun project which would get parishioners involved. This will be followed up at our next meeting.

Pastor's Thoughts and Announcements:

- Our Lady's Chapel is being used as a room where parents with upset children can watch the mass via video. This is being tested out at the 9:30 am Mass and the 11:15am Mass
- Plans are still moving ahead to reopen one of the old confessionals. There will be a screen on one side, with face to face confessions on the other side. The other confessional will be turned into an alcove for prayer.
- There remain plans to build a platform for the choir.
- There was an initial conversation about the Sunday evening Mass, (which is planned to be moved to 5:00 pm) becoming a young adult mass.

Business for the next meeting:

There will be a discussion about the Greeter's Ministry. Marilyn will address the Pastoral Council.

Next Meeting:

- July 13, 2009, 6:30pm
 - Opening Prayer: Trip Gannon, Closing Prayer: Joyce Ponsarella
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What are we looking for in Pastoral Council Members?

Each December new members are chosen for our Pastoral Council. Our Parish needs Christian leadership to help make decision about our pastoral life and growth. Please help identify persons in this faith community who enable us to develop our sense of Evangelization, Worship, Word, Service, Community, Stewardship, and Leadership.

Pastoral Council members should have the following abilities/gifts:

1. You need to be open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and he will open to you the gifts needs for Pastoral Council.
2. You need to open and willing to accept change.
3. Be able to speak to a single person, a small group (5 to 10 people) and/or large gatherings (announcements at mass). You don't need to be able to do all but some Communication/Listening skills would be nice.
4. Be able to look past problems that you might have with someone so that we can work as a team to accomplish the tasks at hand.
5. Be able to support others as we continue to move through the many transitions and changes that occur in our Parish.
6. Time Commitment: Several hours a month.
7. The ability to provide and or enhance the visionary planning and goal setting by supporting the Parish Mission Statement.
8. The ability to let PRAYER and God's LOVE guide us in our decisions.

Since this is not a council of representatives, there is no need to consider representation of age groups. Nevertheless, we do need individuals whose maturity level allows them to be secure, confident, and comfortable dealing with consensus and conflict. This type of maturity often comes with experience and age.