

St. Clement's Pastoral Council

Meeting, January 11, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 PM with opening prayer by Bill McLellan

Present: Christopher Case (Chair), Pat Reo (Co Chair), Joyce Ponserella, Suzanne Cleary, Bill McLellan, Walt Pazderski, Tom Francomano, Becky Stauffer, John D'Alonzo, Fr. Paul Borowski

Absent: Lorraine Kelleher

New Business:

Fr. Neil Draves met with the Pastoral Council. He presented a proposal to the Council in the form of a new ministry.

- Background: Temple Sinai, located on Broadway in Saratoga has been helping out at the Soup Kitchen located in the basement of the Presbyterian Church on Circular. This is run by the Presbyterian congregation, serving meals Monday through Friday. Temple Sinai has been covering the Christian Holy Days to relieve the regular staff, and have begun covering one Sunday a month, providing meals where there have previously been none. Three Sundays remain uncovered. Approximately 30 to 40 people are fed between 11:45 AM and 1:PM on the one Sunday it is open.
- Proposal: Father Neil proposes St. Clement's take on one Sunday each month.
- Discussion: Approximately 6-8 people are needed each day (although more can be used to involve entire families). Must be over 16 to cook, but teens and younger children can serve meals, pass drinks, etc. Food is donated, fully prepared, requiring only heating and serving. Preparation time begins at 9: AM, serving 11:45 to 1:PM. Clean up, etc if finished by 1:30. Gloria LaPorta is the point of contact, and is probably the person who opens and closes.

Council Discussion:

One or two council members could chair a sub committee to organize and coordinate the new ministry. Once set up and running, a volunteer will be responsible for the ministry and will report to the council which will oversee the ministry.

Becky Stauffer and Bill McLellan have volunteered to organize and coordinate the new ministry. They will contact Temple Sinai for input as to how their program runs, and will develop a strategy for our program at St. Clement's.

Chris Case will contact the Lutheran minister whose church is looking for an outreach project. They may be interested in taking on another Sunday.

This would be a good Lenten project, and a good chance to get more families involved. This is also in line with the proposals of the Outreach Subcommittee.

Old Business:

Mardi Gras Party is going forward. It will be held Saturday, February 6. This does conflict with Saratoga Chowder Fest.

Pat Reo will begin this month attending Staff meeting as the council's representative,

The new sound system is going forward. This has been approved by the Finance Committee, as well as the Building and Grounds Committee

Pastor's Thoughts: Nothing at this time.

Closing Prayer: Joyce Ponserella

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20 PM

Next Meeting: February 1, 2010 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Ponserella, Secretary