

St. Clement's Pastoral Council

Meeting, February 8, 2010

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30 PM

Opening Prayer: Walt Pazderski

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

Old Business:

Report on "Soup Kitchen Project"

Bill McLellan contacted Rabbi Jonathan at Temple Sinai, who put them in touch with Wendy Zeh, of the Temple Sinai Congregation who runs their program at the Presbyterian Church. Details of the project were discussed, and a point of contact at the Presbyterian Church was identified. (See hand out for details.)

It was determined that the Confirmation class would not be appropriate for this project due to the age requirements.

Volunteers would be needed to pick up lasagna and salad at BJ's. There will be more planning involved in this project than we were previously led to believe.

Families will need to be trained in the ins and outs of the workings of the Soup Kitchen. Experienced families will need to train new families. Food is donated by the group doing the serving, at a cost of approximately \$120. per meal.

Chris contacted the pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and they are interested in taking on a Sunday as well. We are looking for a one year commitment from the parish.

First priority will be to locate a "Coordinator" for the program. This will allow transferring the responsibility out of the hands of the Pastoral Council. Fr. Paul has agreed that the Outreach Program will provide the \$120 per month to cover the cost of the food.

Bill and Becky will develop a list of responsibilities for the Coordinators, and one for the Workers (families). Bill will check on liability for the project, in the event someone is burned or hurt.

A bulletin announcement will go in on the weekend of February 20/21.

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New Business:

Outreach Committee

The Outreach Committee has concluded its first year with the Mardi Gras Celebration, which was very successful. The Confirmation class and their families worked together to put on the event. Attendance by students was excellent; only seven students were unable to attend.

A list of parents who assisted will be provided to the Council secretary so they may be contacted for future events. This will keep them involved. Kathy Donnellan has an SOP (Standard Operating Procedure) for this event. It can be used in the future for events

Council Discernment

In March, the committee will begin to discern the direction it will take for 2010. The present committee will remain intact for the time being.

Discernment Schedule

The council has decided to set the next discernment for members to be January 24 and 31, 2011. The first meeting with new members will be February 14, 2011.

Next Meeting: March 1, 2010.

Opening Prayer: John

Closing Prayer: Pat

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Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Ponserella, Secretary