

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, August 26, 2008- **AMENDED**

Opening prayer was led by Father Joe.

Buddy Sohl presided over the meeting. Those present were: Father Joe, Buddy Sohl, Cindy Bischoff, Roger Costello, Karen Paris, Christie Vissers, Mary Leitner, Mark Allgeier, Bob Jaggers, Mary Stumph and Chris Ballard.

Committee Reports

Formation/Worship: No one from the committee was present so Fr. Joe presented report.

- The committee is scheduled to meet September 4, 2008 and plan with Debbie the upcoming year.
- RCIA had its first team meeting. RCIA inquiries are way down all over the city.
- Prayer date for all the religious education teachers from St. Luke's and St. Rita's is scheduled for September 27, 2008 from 9a.m. to 3 p.m. here at St. Luke's.

Pastoral Care:

A meeting has been planned by Joan'e to organize pastoral care. There are many things being done and Joan'e wants to have it organized so we will know the who, what and where of it all.

Finance:

- Roger reported that the fiscal year-end reports were finalized and we ended in the black. We had a good year.
Account balances at 6/30/08: Checking-\$47,434; Gaming-\$42,464; Savings- \$0
June, 2008 Sunday Collections- Budget-\$12,400; Actual- \$16,390
June, 2008 Income: Budget- \$52,500; Actual- \$55,576
June, 2008 Expenses: Budget- \$22,637; Actual- \$29,766
Ball field: YTD Income- \$9,300; YTD Expenses- \$7,416
Diocese Loan- Principal- \$827,494
- July, 2008 report is as follows:
Account balances: Checking- \$44,657; Gaming- \$42,464; Savings- \$0
YTD Sunday Collections: Budget- \$12,400; Actual- \$11,673
YTD Income: Budget- \$13,055; Actual- \$17,731
YTD Expenses: Budget- \$15,965; Actual- \$24,580
Ball Field: YTD Income: \$5,631; \$6,204
Diocese Loan principal: \$831,999-Roger noted that the reason for the increase in the balance from 6/30/08 is that the interest on the loan is only paid quarterly. The interest is due to be paid in September.
- The under siding and gutters have been completed on the rectory. The work needed on the rectory, for the most part has been completed.

Finance (cont.)

- Father said that he planned to go to the Archdiocese to discuss St. Luke's debt and to see if some, if not all, of the debt can be forgiven or whatever else could be done to reduce the debt.

Old Business

Capital Campaign:

- Monday, August 18, 2008 the Archdiocese held a meeting at the Flaget center to discuss the upcoming capital campaign. Those from St. Luke who attended were Father Joe, Traci Ware, Cindy Bischoff, Buddy Sohl, Roger Costello and Karen Paris.
- Roger noted that the Archdiocese has lowered St. Luke's benchmark amount from \$227,903 to \$225,000 and they assigned us to the second wave which would run from January, 2009 through June, 2009.
- Buddy brought up the exclusion mentioned at the meeting. It was said that a parish could apply for exclusion if it could show urgency and meet certain financial criteria. If accepted, the parish would be able to keep **all** the money the parish raised in the capital campaign. Roger said he would get with the Archdiocese financial office to find out what the urgency and financial criteria were and what the process is for a parish to apply for exclusion.
- A discussion was held as to who should be approached to head the different committees that will be needed to run the campaign. Buddy suggested that everyone on the council make a list of potential candidates and list their special skills/qualities that would make them a good candidate and email them to Karen, who would then compile a list for the council. Everyone agreed.

New Business

- Buddy read a thank you note from Craig Feger, thanking Chris Ballard and the St. Luke parish for their extreme efforts in his fund raiser for a little girl with a deficiency disease that is so rare only 100 people in the US have it. The fund raiser was originally scheduled to take place elsewhere, but the response was so great, that they did not have enough room for everyone. Craig called St. Luke's three days before the event and, thanks to the hard work of Chris Ballard and others from the men's club, they were able to pull off a successful fund raiser.
- Buddy has been approached by some people of the parish to have the picnic reduced to one night, instead of the two nights and the ride night. Their thinking is that it is difficult to get people to work both nights and Friday's often only make enough to pay for the expenses. A discussion was held. Mark said that if it rained on Saturday, we would not have another day to fall back on to help make up the difference and the people that supply the rides insist on a 3-night contract. Chris Ballard pointed out that the same amount of work would go into setting up for one night as does for all nights. A discussion was also held on whether to do

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away with the rides altogether. Karen brought up the fact that even if the rides do not make a lot of money, they are a draw factor and also keep the parents at the picnic, spending money at the booths, longer. It was decided by council to keep the picnic nights as is.

Father Joe

- Father Joe mentioned that there would be a meeting at St. Rita's to explain the changes in the mass-past, present and future- on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 7pm for those interested.
- He mentioned that 14 deacons were ordained on August 23rd. A priesthood ordination is coming up on Saturday, September 6, 2008 at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of the Assumption. He invited everyone to come.
- Father talked about his work with the seminarians over this past summer. He said it was a joy to work with these young men. He was very enthusiastic about the retreats at Gethsemane and St. Meinrad.
- Father announced that the Archbishop reassigned him to the priest council, this time to only a two-year term.
- Father Joe also wanted to let everyone know how much he appreciates the hard work of the parishioners in keeping the grounds/buildings maintained. He said there is always someone working to keep everything looking so good.

Mary Stumph moved for the minutes from the 6/10/08 meeting to be approved. The motion was seconded by Christy. The minutes were approved.

The next meeting of the pastoral council will be Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 7pm.

Christy moved for meeting to be adjourned and Buddy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Paris