

Pastoral Council Meeting June 10, 2008

Opening prayer led by

Barry Williams presided over meeting until new officers were elected. Buddy Sohl, newly elected chairman then led the rest of the meeting. Those in attendance were Fr. Joe, Barry Williams, Bill Monohan (left after election of new officers), Buddy Sohl, Mary Stumph, Bob Jagers, Traci Ware, Mark Allgeier, Karen Paris, Christina Vissers and Roger Costello (business manager).

Election of new officers:

Secretary-Karen Paris volunteered and was unanimously elected.

Chairman- Buddy Sohl was nominated and unanimously elected.

Vice Chairman- Bob Jagers and Mary Stumph were nominated. Mary was elected.

Minutes from the April 1, 2008 meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Formation/Worship-Debbie Minton

- Debbie was not present but submitted a written report that is attached to these minutes. In her absence, Fr. Joe highlighted the events in her report and mentioned that the Bicentennial Celebration went well. He said the final celebration is June 29, 2008, 2:30 pm at Slugger Field.
- Buddy Sohl mentioned that Debbie Minton and Devon Staples are planning a mission trip to New Orleans and are still in need of \$400-\$500. Anyone who wishes to donate to their trip can send it to St. Margaret-Mary and designate the money for Debbie's and Devon's account.
- Buddy also mentioned the "Ignite your Torch" event at King's Island.

Pastoral Care-Fr. Joe said that someone donated money to go to the purchase of a new Chalice and Ciborium.

Finance-Roger:

Financials are through April (May figures are not complete):

Promoting St. Luke's within our church boundaries was discussed. Karen suggested some kind of welcome at the picnic. Putting Welcome flyers at the Capital Prize Booth was suggested. They would have information about St. Luke's on them. Fr. Joe

suggested a welcome envelope for the pews. Mary S. volunteered to head up the welcome envelope endeavor and Traci offered to help her.

Maintenance/Grounds-

- 2 gym doors, 2 education room doors and kitchen doors are coming in to replace the old, rusted out ones.
- Mulch has been ordered

New Business

2008-2009 Proposed Budget: Roger

The Proposed Budget for 2008-2009 was presented by Roger for approval. It shows a net increase of \$5,541.00. The budget was unanimously approved by council. A copy of the budget is attached to these minutes.

Capital Campaign: Roger

The Archdiocese of Louisville is beginning a Bicentennial Capital Campaign. It will begin in the fall of 2008 and conclude at the end of June, 2010. The campaign will be conducted in 4 participation waves: 1) July, 2008 – December, 2008; 2) January, 2009 thru June, 2009; 3) July, 2009 thru December, 2009 and 4) January, 2010 thru June, 2010. St. Luke's has applied for the second wave-January, 2009 thru June, 2009. The number of parishes per wave is limited so The Archdiocese will choose which wave we will be participating in based on need, most recent capital campaign and urgency as well as parish preference.

The campaign goal is \$38,500,000. The purpose of this campaign is to raise money for the following:

- Parish needs and initiatives (50%): Each parish will receive half of the money it raises for their own specified needs.
- Archdiocese Initiatives (27%):
 - Seminarian Education: At present, these costs are paid from an archdiocesan endowment fund and restricted funds. These funds are running low and need to be replenished. St. Luke's receives \$1,000 per Seminarian for their housing expenses and each Seminarian receives a food stipend from the Archdiocese.
 - Priest Retirement Fund: We currently have 153 diocesan priests whose average age is 63 and 55 retired priests. Each year 3 to 5 priests reach retirement age and the medical, housing and living costs are rising as well.
 - Parish Assistance Fund: This fund would help needy parishes to seek fund for emergencies such as a new roof, new furnace, etc..., without having to ask for a loan from the Archdiocese and putting a further strain on the parish's budget.
 - Multicultural Ministry Initiatives: This fund would help the Archdiocese minister to the special needs of our ever-growing

Hispanic family members. It would also help the Catholic Enrichment Center, established in 2000 to serve the West End of Louisville, with renovations of the center's facilities.

- Legacy Fund: This fund will provide funds to purchase land for future needs such as new parish locations or cemeteries. It is estimated that in less than 50 years, the Catholic cemeteries in Jefferson County will be full.
- Catholic Education Foundation and High School Tuition Assistance (9%): Less than half of requests for tuition assistance are being met. The need for the 2008-2009 school year was identified as \$9.6 million but only about \$4 million in tuition assistance was available. Also, educational costs continue to escalate, therefore tuition rates go up.
- Catholic Service Appeals(9%): Rather than conduct separate appeals during the 2008 and 2009 fiscal years, it was decided to include the 2008 and 2009 Catholic Service Appeals in the Bicentennial Campaign
- Bicentennial Campaign Expenses (5%): The Archdiocese has retained Mission Advancement Services, a professional consulting firm, for a fixed fee contract to guide each parish and the archdiocesan campaign team throughout the campaign. \$4 million (approx. 5% of the preliminary goal) has been budgeted for archdiocesan campaign expenses (Parishes will be responsible for expenses associated with campaign events that the parish decides to host and any parish mailings in support of the campaign).

Each Parish will have a benchmark based on 1 ½ times the average annual offertory for the three year period covering fiscal years 2005, 2006 and 2007. Roger has figured St. Luke's benchmark at approximately \$227,903.00.

Campaign gifts will be processed through the Archdiocese. The parish's share of any receipts will be deposited into the parish's account in the Archdiocesan Savings and Loan. Monthly reports and updates regarding donor status and pledge fulfillment will be produced by the Finance Office, the Office of Stewardship and Development and the Information Systems Office.

Parish campaign gifts will earn interest at normal Archdiocesan Savings and Loan rates and be available upon demand using the normal Savings and Loan withdrawal procedures.

Other Business

Roger said he was contacted by a man from Southside Panthers sports league. He was interested in using St. Luke's facilities to develop a community sports program for basketball, soccer, softball and baseball. He already has sponsors for lights, poles and equipment. He would want all gate and concession income. The man would like a ten year contract. The council agreed that this was not in the best interest of St. Luke's at this time and asked Roger to let the man know St. Luke's was not interested in this endeavor.

The next meeting will be the 4th Tuesday, August, 2008.

Bob motioned for adjournment of the meeting and it was seconded by Mary. The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Karen Paris.