

ST. LUKE CATHOLIC CHURCH
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 23, 2009

A meeting in December was not planned and the January 27th meeting was cancelled due to the ice storm.

Buddy Sohl presided over the meeting. Those present were Buddy Sohl, Roger Costello, Linda Grace, Bob Jagers, Mary Leitner, Karen Paris, Fr. Joe, Mary Stumph, Christie Vissers and guest, Mike Kinghan. Those absent were Mark Allgeier, Chris Ballard and Cindy Bischoff (recovering from surgery).

The meeting began at 7:15.

Opening prayer was said by Father Joe.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Formation/Worship: Due to the ice storm, the Worship Committee had not held there meeting yet. They are due to meet this coming Thursday.

- RCIA is getting ready for the Easter celebration. There will be no Easter Vigil, since there are no baptisms needed.
- The Rite of Election is Saturday at the Cathedral, 11am.
- The RCIA retreat will be held at Mt. St. Francis
- Renew: 60 – 70 people from both St. Rita and St. Luke have signed up for Renew.
- In April, there will be adult classes for confirmation for St. Luke, St. Rita and St. Athanasius. The church is finding more and more adults that, for whatever reason, have not been confirmed.
- Religious Education-Confirmation will be 3/25/09. The retreat, at Cavanaugh, is 3/24/09. There are 55 children receiving confirmation. First Communion is 3/21/09 at 4pm. There are 4 children from St. Luke's.
- Prayer articles in the bulletin continue.
- Advent begins this Thursday.
- A regional Communion ministers training meeting is being planned. It will most likely be held at St. Athanasius.
- Stations of the Cross will be at St. Luke's on Friday, 7pm and at St. Rita's on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Pastoral Care:

- The Coping with Grief seminar is in its third week. There are 7 people enrolled.
- The Senior Series is in its 2nd week. There are 50 people enrolled.
- The Sociables are meeting every third Tuesday of the month.
- A healing Mass will be held at St. Rita's on Tuesday, 3/10/09 at 10:30am.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONT.)

Finance:

- Balances (thru 1/31/09): Checking- \$63,124.00; Gaming- \$2,289.00 and savings- \$0.00.
- Sunday Collections (thru 1/31/09): YTD Budget- \$93,000; YTD Actual- \$87,658; December actual- \$15,750 January actual- \$13,595
- Income: YTD Budget- \$105,835, YTD Actual- \$116,726. December actual- \$17,562, January actual- \$16,437
- Expenses: YTD Budget- \$131,925; YTD Actual- \$149,008. December actual- \$25,236, January actual- \$16,944 (Unanticipated expense of snow removal/storm clean-up will be reflected in February expense report).
- Ballfield: YTD Income- \$0.00, YTD Expenses- \$0.00.
- Diocese Loan principal as of 1/31/09- \$828,930.00

Capital Campaign

- Father Joe and Roger notified the committee that St. Luke's/St. Rita's has been moved to Wave 3 of the campaign. Our campaign planning will begin in July with the actual campaign events to be sometime in mid-November. All campaign pledges are to be set by Thanksgiving.
- All teams need to be in place by mid-June. Training sessions will begin in July.
- St. Luke's benchmark (goal) is \$225,000.
- The Finance committee has been discussing the 4 items to be funded by the campaign. When the items are finalized, they will be put forth to the Pastoral Council.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Girl Scout Cookie Booth:** Linda Grace brought forth a request from Brownie Troop 149. They would like to set up a cookie booth at the next chicken dinner, both after mass and at the dinner. Council approved for them to set up their table in the cafeteria and they could go into the Narthex to promote sales after mass. Buddy thought it might be too crowded for them to set up their booth in the Narthex, since people tend to linger there on Chicken Dinner Sunday.
- **Rosary Club:** Christina proposed a rosary club. People would get together to make rosaries and donate them to others, such as missions, soldiers, etc... She did not have an exact cost for the project, but suggested a second collection after

- mass. Karen asked if there would be a second collection available soon. Father said that the weekend of 5/16 and 5/17 would be opened. The council approved a second collection for then to fund the rosary club. It was also suggested for Christina to get in touch with Chuck Mitchell of the Knights of Columbus. He is involved with a rosary club. He might be able to help her get discounts or perhaps even get the Knights of Columbus to fund the project.
- **Billboards for Life:** March 14 and March 15 is the next available weekend for the Billboards of Life. Father Joe said St. Rita Paris Council has already approved the Billboards of Life to be at St. Rita's. He asked Buddy if Billboards for Life could be at both parishes on the same weekend. Buddy was sure that they could and would set it up with them.
 - **St. Luke Youth Group proposal:** St. Rita, Mother Seton and St. Athanasius are creating a regional youth group. John Sohl and Mike Kinghan propose that St. Luke begin its own youth group. Mike Kinghan was present to present the proposal. The proposal is attached. The council questioned Mike on what kind of activities they planned for the Youth Group. He mentioned that one thing he would like to do is have a pancake breakfast as a fundraiser. Roger informed Mike that any adults involved with the youth group would first have to go through Safe Environment training and a background check. The group would also have to furnish budget drafts to the finance committee. Father noted that the Bishops Conference of the Archdiocese has certain ideas of how youth groups are formed and run. Father told Mike to read the document and create a focus of the group's mission. The Council approved formation of the youth group after a honing of ideas and focus of the group has been done.
 - **New telephone answering system:** Buddy has received several complaints about the new phone system. They say it is quite impersonal and they are concerned about the cost. During business hours, they feel a person should answer the phone. Roger informed the council that there had been programming difficulties in the beginning. A technician was in today and fixed the problems. It had been going to voice mail after the second ring. It is now working more like it was intended. There are three rings and then it goes to voice mail. Voice mail is accessible from outside the office by those with a voicemail box. Roger stated that it was important to have this system because of the important nature of calls that could be missed without the system. They are still working on training the operators and getting all the equipment in line.
 - **Mortgage Interest:** Father Joe informed the council that the diocesan loan was remortgaged on 2/1/09 on a balance of \$880,000 at a new interest rate of 2.79% (was 6.5%). There is an 84th month (7 years) balloon payment due of \$538,928. At that time we will remortgage the loan. The payment program remains the same.
 - **Ball field report:** Chris Ballard was not present to give the report, but Buddy told the council that Chris had told him there are 3 "must haves" for ball field maintenance. Buddy did not know what these items were.

- **St. Luke Web site:** Buddy informed the council that the St. Luke website has a new look and asked everyone to go check it out at StLukelouisville.org. He requested that the web address be added to the Blue Lick/Kurtz church sign. Council approved.

NEWS FROM FATHER JOE

- Lent is coming up and that makes plenty of opportunity for us to grow.
- He reminded everyone about St. Rita's fish fry every Friday during Lent, except Good Friday. The times are 11am to 1pm for lunch, 4:30pm -7:30 dinner/carryout and Corn Hole begins at 7:30pm.

The closing prayer was led by Father Joe.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7pm.