

Pastoral Council Meeting  
Nov. 10, 2008  
Minutes

Attendees: Jane Cushing, Msgr. Emery, Frank Evans, Margaret Gray, Valerie James, Anne Majewski, Barbara McLaughlin, Anna Nelson, Fr. Rich Pfannenstiel, Sr. Mary Selina, Melanie Zappo, Colleen MacDonald.

**I. Introduction -Msgr. Emery**

- 1.) Minutes from Sept. 8, 2008 meeting were approved.
- 2.) Handouts, which are intended to help with cluster meetings, were provided to members. Msrg. Emery will mail them to members who were not present.

**II. Cluster Reports:**

- 1.) Word (Frank Evans)
  - a.) Why Catholic has done very well. No need to evaluate it any further at this time.
  - b.) Evangelization needs to be worked on further. Len Mrozak is a member of the Evangelization Committee and will coordinate with Ray Van Dyke, who is the Chair.
  - c.) The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring an online class with The University of Dayton for Catechesis. It is a 3-6 week class. Frank Evans will sign up for January's class.
  - d.) Len Mrozak will contact someone from St. Joseph's Parish regarding Men's Ministries Conference. Msgr. Emery said our liaison with the archdiocese is Andrew Snyder. Len should contact Andrew.
  - e.) Sister Mary Selina reported on RCIA. This year there are 8 in the group. Last year we only had 3 candidates.
- 2.) Worship (Valerie James)
  - a.) This cluster did not meet last month. There was no report given.
- 3.) Community (Margaret Gray)
  - a.) A Pastoral Council photo board displaying pictures of the members may be placed in the back of church. This may help parishioners become familiar with the group.
  - b.) Invitations for the Thanksgiving dinner for seniors went out this week. Plenty of people have signed up to help, although turkeys and fruit salad is still needed. Both parishioner and former parishioner are invited to this event. The council agreed that including people outside our immediate area is working out fine and should be continued.
- 4.) Service (Anna Nelson)
  - a.) Mike Liddy reported to Anna that the religious book sale at the ministries fair went well. Exact amount of profit not known until all bills are paid. The proceeds will be used to defray the cost of

the bus trip to Washington DC for the Right to Life March in January.

- b.) "Just Faith" is a group of 13 parishioners from OLS and St. Joseph's who meet every Tuesday to discuss and learn about Catholic teachings in regards to issues such as racism, poverty, and other social causes.
- c.) Peace and Justice Committee will coordinate with CCD to hold a class on conflict resolution for older school-aged children.
- d.) Crop Walk was successful and raised \$3,000. Peace and Justice Committee will hold a Superbowl collection with proceeds going to OLS Food Pantry.
- e.) Interfaith Hospitality Network for the homeless will be evaluated. Mearle Landi is contact person. We may not be eligible to host the families, as the facilities are required to have showers. We could look into assisting another parish rather than hosting it ourselves.
- f.) Helping Hands is going well.
- g.) Food Pantry has been serving 70-80 people weekly. Many groups are doing food drives so we manage to provide a bag for each person. The issue has been raised by several parishioners about some recipients not truly needing the food. It was discussed and we agreed that it would not be appropriate for us to judge. While we are able, we will continue serving all those who ask. Thanksgiving baskets will be handed out on 11/22/08. We will purchase extra turkeys since we expect a large group.

### **III. Volunteer Dinner Evaluation**

Dinner went very well. It was agreed that we would continue with dinner rather than breakfast at least for the next few years.

### **IV. Italian Night**

Approximately 130 people attended. Colleen MacDonald suggested that it be advertised more to the school families next year.

### **V. Other Issues**

- a.) Boy Scouts collected donations after Mass for soldiers in Iraq. Parishioners were very generous.
- b.) Replacing the hymnals was discussed. We will wait a few years, as there are going to be some revisions to the Mass. When the revised text is issued, Glen Devitt will research this and report back to us.
- c.) There was a lot of positive feedback from parishioners regarding the Ministries Fair. We will discuss that more at January's meeting.
- d.) It is now one year since Glen Devitt has been our music minister. All members agreed that the music has been great. There has been more piano music at the 9:30 Mass, which had been suggested by parishioners, and the choir at the 11:00 has been wonderful.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM. Clusters will meet with their individual groups next month. The date for the next meeting will be Jan. 12, 2009.