

Pastoral Council Meeting  
May 10, 2010  
Minutes

Attendees: Msgr. Emery, Father Rich Pfannenstiel, Barbara McLoughlin, Lou Zappo, Melanie Zappo, Anita Jonco, Jerry McElroy, Ann Majewski, Anna Nelson, Jane Cushing and Kelly Sullivan

1. Greeting by Msgr. Emery  
Opening Prayer  
Minutes from March 8, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Kelly Sullivan volunteered to serve as Secretary to take Minutes.
3. **CLUSTER REPORTS:**

**-WORD (Melanie Zappo)**

Melanie reported that she would follow-up with Ray VanDyke and Walter Wiggins regarding the activities of the Evangelization Committee. Kelly Sullivan advised that the Evangelization Committee was going to meet on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:15PM. Melanie reported that there is concern about the many changes to come in the liturgy. Frank Evans had suggested to Melanie that when we advise the parishioners about the changes, that we include a historical perspective to help them acclimate to and understand the changes. Fr. Rich advised that the only real changes will be to the language in the Mass. The order of the Mass will not change, nor will rubrics be changing. Msgr. advised that the Archdiocese Worship office will be putting a plan in place and when he receives the information, it will be shared with the parish. There will be plans to consult with all the subcategories of the Word cluster early in the fall. A question was raised concerning the number of people attending Mass and Msgr. advised that an official count is conducted in the Fall and Spring and that a count was in effect now. He reported that the numbers have been pretty consistent with last year with a slight drop over the last few years. Melanie advised that the CCD staff would like a priest to be present during CCD classes. It was acknowledged that Deacon John is there. Msgr. said he would make an effort to be present more often, and stated that if invited he would absolutely attend.

**-WORSHIP (Lou Zappo)**

Lou read notes that Dottie had prepared in anticipation of the meeting. They dealt with some concerns about the noise from children at 11:00 o'clock Mass; that Eucharistic ministers are not showing up at assigned Masses and not getting replacements; and an inquiry as to why only the youth group are invited to have their feet washed at Holy Thursday Mass. A discussion then ensued wherein it was agreed that we would like to encourage families to come to Mass with their children and although the 9:30 Mass is geared towards the families, there was no perception that children at the 11:00 Mass were a problem or distraction. It was noted that the youth group members were asked to participate in the feet washing because no one else seemed to want to do it and it was believed that it is a good way to involve the youth in the liturgy. In addition there are several practical aspects, ie., the youth are there on Holy Thursday night in order to rehearse for the Good Friday Mass, Chris Kaiser rehearses with them for the feet washing and the young people are able

to carry the chairs. There was a brief discussion about having the chairs for the foot washing set up down the aisle, but it was agreed that they are not as visible as around the altar. The council voted on whether we should continue to have only youth group members get their feet washed and it was unanimously passed that they should continue to do so.

**-COMMUNITY (Barbara McLaughlin)**

Barbara passed out the flyer for the Parish Picnic to take place on June 6<sup>th</sup>, rain or shine. Volunteers are needed to set-up, man the grills and clean-up. The Golf Outing was discussed and it was reported that there is no dinner after the outing because people stopped going. Coffee and Donuts is finished for the year. There was a brief discussion as to whether there were any big events planned for the parish, ie., a dinner dance. It was acknowledged that the parish is trying to keep costs down. Msgr. also noted that the Parish's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is coming up in 2012. Plans for the festivities will begin in January 2011 with the establishment of a committee.

**-SERVICE (Anna Nelson)**

The Food Pantry is meeting the needs of the community. The sign in the upper church is working well. Food is coming in.

Health Care Ministry: blood pressure screening was not well attended. Perhaps the time should be changed. Anita noted that there is no real area to do the screenings in the upper church. The committee will meet to talk about it. Members of the Health Care Ministry are calling people in the parish who are ill to see if they need anything. The committee did not meet in April, but plans to meet in May. Sr. Selina has been seeking someone or group to take over the Health Ministry. There are 5 or 6 nurses in the ministry, but it was noted that you do not have to be a nurse to be involved.

IHN is going well. There is a good core of volunteers. It was noted that new partitions and some additional closet space is needed. OLS hosts in October and March.

Peace and Justice is focusing on conflict resolution with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade class. Joan Csedrick was happy with it. They are now involved in a letter writing campaign.

Habitat for Humanity: this ministry needs to be revitalized. Russ Pace had some people who seemed excited and then did not follow through. They need to find a way to get people engaged.

Respect Life: there was nothing to report.

**4. CARITAS REPORT**

Marli Craig was not at the meeting. But it was noted that Caritas events were done for the year.

**5. NEW ENERGIES REPORT (JERRY MCELROY)**

Jerry reported that OLS is partnered with St. Joes. The archdiocese is in the process of looking ahead and putting plans into place. Anna, Barbara and Jerry sit on the committee which met with St. Joe's a few weeks ago. It was suggested that each parish have a coordinator to facilitate, but then noted that that may not be necessary but that a more formal process for communication between the parishes should be established. When the committee meets again, they will work on that. When the committee last met, they discussed at length the desire that younger adults be involved in church and parish life, which the OLS committee discussed at length. It was suggested that both parishes form a joint committee of about 10 people from this age group to discuss how to

best pursue the goal of bringing more young adults back to church. It was suggested that perhaps Chris Kaiser and his wife be asked to join the committee. Jerry said he would contact people in that age group. Anyone with a name should contact Jerry with that name and contact information and he will call them.

6. **OUTREACH TO CARE GIVERS AND POST-FUNERAL SUPPORT**

Msgr. advised that Eve Morowski was a care giver for her parents and brought issues to Msgr. regarding the establishment of an Outreach ministry. There is a message running in the bulletin and Msgr. has begun to send out letters to next of kin three weeks after a funeral. Eve is putting together a "How To" document addressing how to plan the funeral, a check list of issues that need to be addressed, etc. It was noted that there are some services already being offered, such as the bereavement group at St. Joes and counseling by Chris Kaiser's wife, but it was agreed that more can be done by way of emotional support, donation of time which would allow a care giver some recreation time, and a practical guide concerning end of life issues. It was also noted that this ministry would fall under the Service Cluster.

7. **OTHER ISSUES.**

It was noted that Melanie, Lou, Barbara and Ann would be members of the Stewardship Committee and that we would need a member from the Finance Committee to also be a member.

It was acknowledged that this was our last meeting until next year and that Frank, Dottie, Anna and Jane's terms were up. Msgr. thanked them for their time and commitment.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2010.

Respectfully submitted by

Kelly Sullivan