

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes October 16, 2014**

**Present:** John Allen, Deacon Chris Barrett, JoAnn Ernandes, Loretta Lavanco, Gary Buddie, Carol Traen, Phil Servidea and Jim Colby

**Absent:** Ken Gerber, Barbara Lenco and Lillie Head

**Also Present:** Joe Day, Bob Adams and Art Shaw

**Opening Prayer:** Joann Ernandes led the opening prayer.

**Faith Sharing:** Joann Ernandes shared a faith experience.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Joann Ernandes moved and Carol Traen seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the September, 25, 2014 minutes. All were in favor.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

Art & Bob talked about the progress made in accomplishing their goal.

Joe said Diocese is not opposed to our planning this project. In case of a weather emergency, people who have a need can be paired with people who have resources necessary to solve their emergency problem. Whatever that may be. Perhaps a tree falls across a driveway or they have lost power for more than 24 hours, the lack of heat, special health needs. They are trying to prepare a database of those who can be contacted with the ability and resources to solve the individual problems.

They also want to get a generator for the parish so that we can actually use the parish center as a home base in the event of power outage. This will not be for the entire facility. It will be a subset for the important items that will be needed. They are looking to have a propane generator for approximately under \$5,000. It should be in the 5 - 10 kw range. They want propane over liquid gas since liquid gas can go stale over time when not used. In the last emergency situation the church never lost power. We are not looking to house anyone in the church. We would need to have the refrigerator, phones, computers, perhaps HVAC for a small area, etc. Items necessary for the essential people to orchestrate with those with a need.

The committee has prepared a questionnaire to give to the parishioners. Joe has a database. We can also use the MOC geographic zones to help pair those in need with the resources closest to them. There is an introductory message. They would like to do a ministry minute in November explaining the goal and put notice in Heavenly Hash and on the web site. The date set for the ministry minute is November 22 / 23. If there are some who are willing to help out, they will be added to the data base and what it is they can offer.

Volunteers will come to the church so phones can be manned. People can offer whatever they think will be needed. Bob has an empty stall, someone has a chain saw to clear a driveway, and someone has a 4 wheel drive. We would not be responsible for things that may be done with V Dot or 911.

The database will be in Excel and they would be paired to see who to match with the need in the specific area. In addition to the office computer it will be on a couple of flash drives in the event Joe is not here. They will have the person offering service talk to the person with the need directly.

Joe said there had been \$3,000 allowed for this ministry after the presentation last year and said it might not be enough. The goal is to have this operational before we have storms to deal with.

### **Fall Festival**

All agreed it was a gorgeous day and a lot of fun. The children loved it. The Cake Walk was great. John Allen and his lathe were a huge success. The children loved his lathe and were proud of the items they made. Bouncy houses and corn hole games were a huge success. Adults liked playing Bingo. The various activities were enjoyed by approximately 100 people.

### **The Ministry Fair**

Chairs are Jim Colby and Lillie Head. An email has been sent to heads of committees to give input of their needs by Nov.1

The Ministry minute date set for November 8 / 9. The fair will be November 15 /16

### **Quiet Time Before Mass**

Most think it is going well. There is a standard message that will be used. The lights will be dimmed five minutes before Mass and Deacon Chris, or whoever stands in for him in his absence, will read a brief introduction from the pulpit leading into a period of silence. If someone other than Chris made the message, they would stay in the choir between the message and the announcements. The liturgical ministers will gather in a circle to pray before Chris goes to the altar. Logistics for the liturgical ministers are still being refined.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Volunteer Breakfast:**

Phil will chair the breakfast. Date will be January 17, 2015.

It will be 8:30 am to 11 am. Last year people came and stayed longer with the extended hours. Entertainment will be sought for the event.

### **Party at Wilmeshers**

A reminder they will host the Parish Council annual party at their home on October 19 at 6 pm. This is very generous on the part of the Wilmeshers.

### **Congestion in Hallway:**

Chris said this is the last weekend the Wednesday women would be selling in the hallway. Asked for suggestions for the nice table that Tom Dugan made. Perhaps one table at a time would be set up for various need.

### **Name Tags**

No one has come forward to help with the Name Tag rack.

Chris suggested we table the discussion and try to observe how many would actually wear their name tags.

### **Pastoral Comments**

Gary Scheidt is retiring in 2 weeks and the thought is we should honor him in some way. He served as Pastor of Trinity for approximately 21 years. Chris thought of the Pot Luck dinner January 10. We could invite him as a guest speaker on Christian Unity and honor him at mass.

### **Diocesan Campaign**

We will start our campaign in January. The diocese has requested we submit a paragraph on how we plan to use the parishes' share of the collected funds. Our goal is \$415,000 of which our share would be \$133,000. It could be less if we do not reach our goal or more if we go over.

Some parishioners suggested "unspecified funds for the parish needs". Some suggested Foundational funding for a new assistant for Joe with the expectation that the position would become sustainable. This position could gradually be worked in to the budget over the course of a few years. Gary asked where the space would be for another staff member. Joe suggested some space could serve double purposes. Chris is not here Mondays and Fridays. Tammy is not here Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Chris said they wanted the information before Thanksgiving. "Living our mission" is the term used by the Diocese.

John suggested, because of time constraints we use some vague terms, such as "Future staffing needs". Or "Future Capital Needs". Fr. Sal wanted it presented to the parish as something urgent. "Capital Use" can mean bricks and mortar but could also be used as staffing. It should be vague and general.

Frank Byrne, our campaign manager, answered the question of how the diocesan appeal fits into this campaign. The exempt year would be the year we start the campaign. For us that would be 2015.

### **New Web Site.**

Carol Traen shared we have a homepage. We are working on the final touches.

Carol also talked with Chris and Joe and they think it is time to update the Parish Directory. She talked with Life Touch and will set dates for the pictures to be taken. This will be for those who did not have their pictures taken last time, new parishioners and changes to personal information such as email, phone numbers, and addresses.

**Next Meeting:** November 20, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. The Opening/Closing Prayer and Faith Sharing for the November meeting will be led/shared by Jim Colby.

**Closing Prayer:** Joann Ernandes led the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Loretta M Lavanco