

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING – July 20, 2015

Present: Fr. Tim Keating, Glenn Allen, Mary Lou Casey, Lisa VanDeVen, Nancy Hall, Peg Mangano, Bernice McLellan, John Olenik, and Vivian Urdaneta

Absent: Regina Gapzynski, Nadine Sleasman, Steve Sleasman, and Karen Swift

Guests: Joan Ferris, Eric Israelson, and Becky Craig

Agenda:

- Meeting was opened with prayer by Father Keating.

Report from Eric Israelson:

- The old system does not track who is requesting our services and how to contact. Information is currently gathered on a 6 page form which is daunting. We need to determine what the minimal amount of information is we need. The new form is based on St. Theresa's registration form and includes name, phone number, email address, members of family, and sacramental history. The new forms are in the computer but are not formatted properly. We have been working with a system for mass e-mailings template to disseminate religious information, like starting new men's group. System shows us who has opened up the e-mails, and gives preference buttons that they can unsubscribe to e-mails about that subject. There will still be announcements from the pulpit.

Report from Becky Craig:

- Pastoral Care provide programs and activities that deal with mind, body and spirit. There is a big need out there we need to tap. The Health Team Visioning Committee (advisory group) did a survey. It was decided based on the survey to do programs on physical wellbeing and aging. Journey to Jerusalem was very successful – 137 people participated. 7 volunteers worked with Becky on a weekly basis to make this happen. Subcommittees are taking topics and developing programs within that. As aging was the second highest vote getter, there is going to be a series of panel discussions including Financial Planning (John Maddox), Preplanning Funeral (Burke's Funeral Home), Coping with Aging Parents (Dr. Farrell, Catholic Charities, Wesley); Services Available (Maplewood Manor), End of Life Care (Fr. Paul, Hospice), Aging and Spirituality. These will start in October and go through until next spring and be presented both in the evening and afternoon (same presentation). Becky is parish nurse and people come to her with specific problems. Discussion was held regarding making sure that we get more than one presenter, especially on the funeral homes and the financial planners, and have a neutral party moderate the panel, making sure that it doesn't become a "selling" opportunity for any one party.

She is Chair of the Health Committee which meets on monthly basis. She also coordinates the Aramathea Society and distribution of the Eucharist to the hospital. Another new initiative is Alzheimers care teams within our parish. The team will supply non-medical support to families within the community. She is going to try to start this up to St. Clements. It will require a 2-3 hours a month volunteer time commitment and will be set up in teams. Duties will include socialization, making meals, and helping with errands.

Minutes:

- Minutes approved after Bernice motioned (seconded by Peg Mangona) that the minutes be approved, and motion carried.

Pastor Remarks:

- Father Tuttle's anniversary is this year. Celebration needs to be planned, to include St. Theresa's. It will be on October 16 at 11:15 mass and we can address this at our next meeting.
- Anniversary committee formation will be delayed until after Fr. Blasick arrives.

Old Business:

- Father Paul has electronic version of ministries booklet and will get this to Chris so it is available for editing.

New Business:

- Ministry Fair: Father Tim suggested it would be to have it associated with the gospel / homily in the fall.
- October 4 – four parishes for a picnic
- RE: New registration system and web site: How much information is going to be enough? How much census information? How secure is the web site? This all needs to be investigated.

Next meeting: **Monday, September 14** at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Joan Ferris