

Pastoral Council Minutes 11/27/06

Members Present: Bill Schmeling, Len Sargent, Dottie Knutson, Patty Nordling, and Joe Hajduk

Other members present: Mark Wood, Jerri Jolley, Father Dennis

Opening Prayer: Father Dennis

Minute Approval: Approved

Agenda Items:

Pledge Drive

- Pledges are covering 75% of budgeted contributions for the year
- Only 40% of registered parishioners have submitted pledge cards
- Best return ever in terms of pledged amount
- Charlie is working on updating electronic format
- Means in excess of 50 calls per member
- Wait until January and try to recruit additional support
- Will run a couple more reminders in bulletin to see if we can get more
- Charlie will go through data and try to clean up information and cross reference if we know they are members (either they are here and/or contribute) – remove them from list of people to call
- Purpose of calling is to identify membership – savings for purposes of mailings

Financial Picture - October month was good for contributions because of one large contribution, but quarterly we were a little lean. Positive for cash flow.

LIFE program fees – doing well in the area of collecting fees

Archdiocesan assessment – down to \$44,000 from \$74,000 last year

Upcoming projects – roof was repaired out of reserves, concerns about utility costs running over budget. Piano may be able to be serviced at a lesser amount than originally estimated.

Constitution/By Laws/Guidelines

Constitution – Changes

Pastoral Council vs. Parish Council

Review on own and bring back

- Concern about article IX – trustee clause
- Article IV – break out sentences into numbered items
- Article III – drop number #1 and letter B
- Add item related to maintenance of meeting minutes

- Article X needs significant revisions

By Laws - Changes

Signature line change – “Parish Council President” to “Pastoral Council President”

Motion approved and carried to adopt with update

Stewardship –

- “A Life of Gratitude”
- Use Epiphany in Coon Rapids as a model
- Sister Marion Walter at Epiphany out until December 8th. Dottie will try to schedule once she returns
- Draw attention to things we are already doing – newsletter 3X a year (K of C is going to sponsor)
- Finance council and Pastoral Council should have articles in the newsletter
- Hope to get one out in January
- Need to identify a chair or co-chairs for committee
- Is there going to be a budget? – not at present
- Will need to get an idea from Epiphany about how they tackled the process
- Get rid of tuition and get it to contribution base so money contributed provides the tax benefit

Next meeting is joint meeting with Finance council – 12/19/06 at 6:30PM and party to commence at 7:30PM.

Closing Prayer 8:03PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Miller