

MINUTES
PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
April 23, 2010
7:30 p.m. – Church Basement

In attendance: Fr. Sean, Fr. Tony, John Abreu, Rich Banasiak, Lee Gillingham, Margaret Lewis, Ro Malfetti, Kathy Mitchell, Peter Nizner, John Ponterio, Carol Rizzo, Louise Timko, Jeanne Fox

1. Opening prayer/sharing – Carol Rizzo – *Yes Lord, Always Yes* about Cornelia Connelly founder of Society of the Holy Child Jesus
2. Cluster Updates – Worship, Evangelization & Service Committees.
 - A. Worship – evaluation of Holy Week at next meeting; new ministry – Decorations/Vestments; recruitment for new ministers for Altar Servers, EOMs and Lectors.
 - B. Evangelization – Educate congregation re liturgical practices, meaning of Fiesta in spiritual sense; Book Group – next meeting to discuss changes to Missal.
 - C. Service – Thursday Group to be merged into other faith sharing group
3. Finance Committee Update – Fr. Sean - Minutes of April 16, 2010 meeting discussed
 - a. The heating system in the Church is to be replaced by the end of June 2010.
 - b. Building/Maintenance Committee will try to rectify drainage at rectory by properly grading the area and then install new windows. Also suggested installation of a sump pump in the basement of the rectory.
 - c. Additional projects under consideration include replacing tile ceiling in basement of church and painting walls; reposition pews around piano in Church to accommodate choir singing downstairs.
 - d. Solicit ideas for maintenance/improvement from parish.
4. Review of current Goal/Objectives
 - a. Parish Map – it was decided that this objective was to be eliminated
 - b. We will establish a Welcoming Committee under Evangelization Cluster to meet new parishioners
 - c. Parish Ministries Booklet – no change –
 - i. It was suggested that we coordinate with Book Study members Mary Mahoney who was a former editor and Myrna who may be able to help. Also Margaret from the Rosary Altar Society was identified as another possible person who could assist in this endeavor.
 - d. Fellowship Sunday
 - i. Evaluation of March's fellowship – April 11, 2010
 1. coordination was lacking
 2. all Masses well attended – ran out of food for noon mass

- ii. Suggestions for future Fellowship Sundays
 - 1. more sugar free donuts, fruit and maybe increase food order
 - 2. start having themes
 - A. Jeanne Fox recommended that we have a religious education theme for September's Fellowship Sunday and that the ministries involved in religious education host. This recommendation was well received and will be implemented beginning September 2010 with the religious education theme.
 - 3. Marketing Fellowship Sunday to parish – need to do a better job
 - A. Name tags for hosts listing ministries the host belongs to
- iii. Coordination for May Fellowship Sunday – Mother's Day – Men Only Hosts
 - 1. Worship identified Adult Altar Servers to handle Fellowship Sunday
 - 2. Evangelization – due to the lack of men in most of the ministries in this cluster – John Abreu, Rich Banasiak, Peter Nizner, and John Ponterio to help
 - 3. Service to notify John which ministry will be handling Fellowship Sunday in May.
 - 4. All three committees to advise John of the three people who will be handling each mass.
- 5. Continued Discussion of New Goal – Adult Education – Jeanne Fox
 - a. Family Retreat – 16 families attended – small but powerful
 - b. Need to educate parents as well as children
 - c. Questionnaire to determine needs of parish and then plan
 - i. the scavenger hunt was well received at the Family Retreat;
 - ii. library to borrow books
- 6. Next meeting – Tuesday, May 25, 2010 – Fr. Sean to lead sharing – discernment and consensus for new chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary.