

St. Benedict Catholic Church

Pastoral Council – Minutes

August 9, 2011

7:00 p.m. **OPENING PRAYER**

Attendees: Joe Gustafson, Deacon Lynn, Peggy Thies, Jan Pizzi, Doug Burrer, Aurora Sebestyen, Dee Klein, Kevin Klein, Ron Comfort, Tammy Specht

Excused absent: Bill Champlain

Introduction of guests **No guests present**

7:05 p.m. **REPORTS**

- I. Approval of minutes (10 min) –All **Approved**
- II. Parishioners and guests to be heard (5 min) **none present**

III. Report from Finance Council – Doug

Doug explained his process to all new Pastoral Council members. There was no formal meeting during the month of July; instead the finance council hosted the all council Party. The Diocese is going to give us a \$10,000.00 subsidy this year. See the finance reports for all monthly information. FY 10 results

IV. Review of reports from ministry liaisons (20 min)

Facilities (Joe); **No report**

Health/Security (Vacant); **No report**. There was a discussion as to getting this Ministry started. Peggy is going to take a look at this. Deacon Lynn to send Peggy information on the Ministry.

K-of-C (Jeff); **Eat Pancakes this Sunday after Mass.**

Liturgical (Specht); **No report**

Outreach (Bill); **not present, no report**

Tithing Committee (Jan); **No report**

Religious Education (Jan); **28th will be the sign up for RE Classes, 27th is classes for the instructors.**

Women's Group (Dee); **No report**

Respect for Life (Peggy); **No report**

7:40 p.m. **OLD BUSINESS**

- I. Parish Picnic
 - a.) Review Picnic Planning sheets. **Mowing is going to be done by Joe, Mary Preston and Jeff Specht.**
Joe is going to take care of the tent. The question was raised, why do we have the picnic on the property? The response was that we have to

use the land to avoid the taxes. Also the reason is there is not enough parking at the Parish house and the school would cost money. Aurora and Bill are taking care of the food. Bill will pick up the food and will work with Aurora to arrange the coolers and Joe and Jeff will bring grills along with the two the parish has. Dee will be taking care of Port-a-Potties Deacon will be gone the week prior to the picnic Jim will help with tables, by bringing 4. Jan Pizzi is taking care of the signup sheet. Joe is bringing one drink cooler; there are also 2 at the parish house. Ice chest coolers will be taken care of by the Klein Family and Aurora. Joe is bringing 2 garbage cans; Tammy Specht is bringing 1 Peggy Thies will bring one. Joe will bring the bags. Dee already brought table cloths Aurora will pick up paper plates and utensils. Serving spoons will be taken care of by the ones at the parish house. Ask Shelly Paur about the a donation of Condiments Dee Klein is going to take care of the onions again. Mary is going to take care of the altar. Joe can move the altar if needed. Roberta Comfort is going to head up the youth activities Falcon Junior ROTC (Air Force) will be presenting the colors Tammy is going to make a sign up for assorted activities and supplies for the youth activities Jeff and Joe will be bringing grilling utensils Signs with directions and Jeff will sit at the Middle School and redirects people that show up for mass and Jeff will supply safety vests for people directing along the route. We need to make some signs, the youth group will be asked to make them on poster board and Joe will supply the signs to put the poster board on.

Saturday the 10th set-up starts at 8:00 am at the parish house. Tammy Specht offered up a trailer to haul stuff to the property. Chairs will be loaded onto a trailer on the Sept 4th and stored at the Parish house. Take down the chairs will be loaded and stored at the parish house till the following Sunday prior to set up. Doug Stepanek used to provide 2 speakers and an amplifier. We will not have this, this year.

- II. **Role and Function of the Pastoral Council (see handout) – Deacon Lynn**
Deacon explained the hand outs to all that were present. The by-laws are posted on the Pastoral Council page of the Parish website. The Pastoral Council Statutes were also explained.
- III. **Report from St. Benedict Development Steering Committee – Jeff**
Jeff explained that an appraisal has been done on a property for St. Benedicts. Deacon Lynn is speaking to Bob Doerfler (Diocese CFO). There is a different process to acquire a property. This process has to go through the Bishop. The steering committee will be meeting this Thursday night to discuss the next steps

which will include re-institution of a building committee, a timeline for the next steps for the diocese and a potential offer for the property. Deacon asked the question: “ARE WE READY FOR THIS?” and said that we need to ask this of ourselves and of the parishioners. He feels the time is right.

We are currently in the process of justifying why we are not going to use our current property. Deacon has begun work on this.

- IV. Outgoing Members – Deacon stated that he is working on the medals for the off-going members of the council.

8:10 p.m. NEW BUSINESS

- I. Possible upcoming capital campaign
Which way are we going to do a capital campaign? There are several different ways to do this. We could do it in house or hire it out. Using a company to do this usually brings in more money. This is a ways down the road and the finance council and the Pastoral Council will have to collaborate on this.
- II. Publishing Personal Info on the Parish website Ron said that there are some people that do not want their info posted on the web site. Ron suggested that if you are in a Public office, people should be able to get a hold of you. Ron suggests that you open a separate email account if you are not comfortable with your normal email address. Ron believes there should be a policy in place for a way for people to get a hold of us. Ron will map out the policy for the next meeting.
- III. Jan Pizzi Suggested that we should form a committee to help with those considering leaving the parish. Jan and Deacon will talk about this and figure the path for this. They will then report this to the Pastoral Council. There was also discussion regarding the registered parishioners.

OTHER (10 min)

Directors Report – Deacon Lynn

9:00 p.m. Closing Prayer

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY SEPT 13, 2011 7:00PM