

St. Benedict Catholic Church

Pastoral Council – Minutes

October 11th, 2011

7:00 p.m. OPENING PRAYER

Present – Doug Burrer, Bill Champlain, Ron Comfort, Tammy and Jeff Specht, Peggy Thies, Aurora Sebestyen, Kevin and Dee Klein, Jan Pizzi, Jeff Klimek, Joe Gustafson, Deacon Lynn

Absent - None

Introduction of guests - None

7:05 p.m. REPORTS

- I. Approval of minutes (10 min) –Jan made a motion to approve, seconded by Ron
- II. Parishioners and guests to be heard (20 min) none
- III. Report from Finance Council – Doug briefed all and gave some insight to a possible property purchase. See the financials for September on the web site.
Deacon Lynn discussed he met with the potential seller to answer questions regarding the property and how the diocese would ultimately make an offer to the property for St. Benedicts Parish.
- IV. Review of reports from ministry liaisons (20 min)
 - Facilities (Joe); Joe drained the sprinkler system and he covered the well.
 - Health/Security (Vacant);
 - K-of-C (Jeff); No report
 - Liturgical (Specht); New proclaimer books have been distributed and there are 2 upcoming meetings to discuss the new translation of the mass. The meetings are October 13th and Nov. 17th at the parish house at 7:00 pm. Deacon has a pew card that will be given out when the new translation goes into effect.
 - Outreach (Bill); Collecting boxes for the Thanksgiving meals
 - Tithing Committee (Bill); Looking at a potential candidate in the area.
 - Religious Education (Jan); 3 children in 1st communion this year, the numbers are down from previous year. It appears that most of the children from last year are not in Sunday mass this year.
 - Women's Group (Dee); Women's group is doing a fundraiser for the building fund. They also visited the Mother of Cabrini Shrine. This was a great time for meditation and discussion.
 - Respect for Life (Peggy) This Saturday is the prayer chain and Deacon passed out the list of people signed up. We need people for this as we only currently have 4 of

the 12 hours covered. Deacon stated that the Bishop had a video produced for TV spots in our market. These spots will begin in December. This video spot will be shown at Mass this Sunday after the Homily.

7:40 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

- I. Fund Raiser discussion – Joe stated we have heard of potential sources of assistance. It is imperative that we come up with some good ideas so that we are not relying totally on other sources that are going through.
Brain Storm – Culver’s to have a St. Benedicts night out. Culvers said 15% of every receipt in the bucket will come back to the church.
SCRIP – program Dee will get information to Deacon on this.
Bucket – Put a bucket for the building fund in the back of the Gym every Sunday, everyone is tasked with coming up with an idea of something other than a bucket
Bake Sale – The Women’s group would be interested in taking the lead on this.
Raffle – There is a lot of upfront money that would be needed. Divine Redeemer will be selling raffle tickets after mass on the 23rd.
Dinner Auction with silent auction
Yard Sale once we have the property or possibly at the parish house.

- II. Report from St. Benedict Development Steering Committee – Jeff/Deacon

Deacon brought up the idea of a drive to raise the money to pay off an initial loan for a property period. Do we have to use the bank that Larry Besch has listed under the financial report? Deacon said that we can shop around 7% for commercial property is pretty good. This money drive needs to happen but a better name needs happen for this.

If we do a presentation on November 20th, after the presentation would it be appropriate to invite people to the property to show them.

We currently have 6 pages of the proposal to the Diocese complete and Finances are very close behind on this part of the proposal.

OTHER (10 min)

Directors Report – Deacon Lynn will be gone from the 17th to the 21st of this month for a leadership course in Loveland. Deacon Lynn has talked with Fr. Paul about our Pastoral plan. The diocese wanted a little more focus on each category. Deacon has tried to come up with a plan to doctor this plan up for. He has struggled with this and would like us to take a look at his revisions and help come up with ideas to help out with this.

9:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

NEXT MEETING TUESDAY Nov 8th, 2011 7:00PM