

## St. Catherine of Sweden Roman Catholic Church

### Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

**January 4, 2009**

#### Attendees:

Father Regis, Dick McGeown, Sandy Macioce, Bill Rasile, John Beran, Dennis Antol, Lori McKinniss, Karen Gust, Phyllis Murray, John Fiore, Deeann Beavers, Jim Kaczynski, Gary Spicuzza, Frank Petroy

Opening Prayer was given by Bill Rasile.

Minutes from last Pastoral Council meeting approved.

#### Updates from Father Regis:

- On January 25th, Sunday, at 3PM at St. Paul's Cathedral biannual awards will be given to those parishioners of selfless service. Paul Pollock from St. Catherine's will be receiving this award for all of his generous, selfless acts. Father Regis asked those able to attend to do so and show our support. Pastoral Council will send letter of congratulations.
- Reminder: On January 31st, the premiere of Mild, Mild, West , a murder-mystery dinner theatre, will be going on at St. Catherine's. Please spread the word!
- On February 21, St. Catherine's will have its first Tailgate Party . The initial meeting for planning was on Sunday, January 4 following the PC meeting. Please spread the word for attendees and underwriting.
- Father Pat will be doing a series on Saint Paul every Wednesday in Lent following the evening mass.
- Reminder about recycling bin. Anything that comes in the mail can be recycled here!
- On February 26th, the Bishop will hear penance at 7PM following the North Pittsburgh area priests' meeting.

#### New Business:

- George O'Hanlon, head of the Financial Council of St. Catherine's, was present to discuss several things:
- o He gave an overview of the structure, purpose, and activities of the Financial Council.
  - o He also discussed that St. Catherine's fell short of their assessment owed to the Diocese in 2008 because of several bequests totaling over \$200,000. However, because of several generous contributions paid to Parish Share in December 2008, the amount owed has been significantly lessened.
  - o It was also recommended for future bequests to be directed to "Parish Share" or the "Building Fund" in order to avoid the extra owed to the Diocese.
  - o George also stated that St. Catherine's did well in its audit this year.

#### Other Updates:

- Regarding the murder-mystery dinner theatre, Frank Petroy reported that he has a full stage set and cast. He needs volunteers to sell tickets after masses. Tickets will also be available at the Parish office. Frank will also need some help picking up the scenery which he is borrowing from a nearby church.
- Donating online: Up to 30 families are now donating online. The goal is 100 families. Parishioners do have online access to change their donation set up.
- St. Catherine's website: Phyllis Murray will put something in the bulletin regarding St. Catherine's website and that mass is available on CD.

## Committee Reports:

Community Life: John Fiore reviewed the purpose of this committee and goals for the coming year. These include but are not limited to hospitality efforts for new members and encouraging members to become involved in Church activities. (i.e./ murder-mystery dinner theatre, bus trip to Phipps)

Faith Formation: Karen Gust summarized purpose and aims of the Faith Formation Committee. The committee will monitor the educational offerings and needs of the Parish.( i.e./ speakers on various topics and addressing the needs of a special needs classroom for CCD)

Worship: Jim Kaczynski reviewed the committee's goals: To continually monitor the needs of the Parish as it relates to the celebration of the Eucharist. It was recommended that St. Catherine's advertises its activities in neighboring church bulletins, Hampton News, Pine Creek Journal.

Physical Plant: Gary Spicuzza discussed the aims of this committee with monitoring the physical condition of the Church, its surrounding grounds, and equipment. The need for a dishwasher was brought up and briefly discussed. Inventory in all the rooms needs to be done.

Next Pastoral Council meeting will be on March 1, 2009.

Opening prayer for next meeting: Frank Petroy

Minutes for next meeting: Dennis Antol