

**St. Catherine of Sweden
Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
January 3, 2010**

Attendees:

Fr. Regis, Denis Antol, Jim Kaczynski, Deeann Beavers, Phyllis Murray, Bill Rasile, Dick McGeown, Pam Grove, Bob Hovenec, Gary Spicuzza, Lisa Ference, Sandy Macioce, Karen Gust, Lori McKinnis, Marilyn Adams, Karen Taylor

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Denis Antol at 10:35 am.

Opening Prayer:

Opening prayer was given by Pam Grove.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The minutes from the November 1, 2009 meeting were approved as distributed.

New Business:

- Father Regis discussed a health-related incident that had occurred at the 9:15 am Mass. He noted that the normal procedures for securing medical help were not followed and explained that the parish is well equipped to handle emergencies in a calm manner without the need for disruptions. Emergency procedures will be reviewed in the bulletin so parishioners will know what to do in the future.
- A winter fundraiser - "Put the Nuns in Charge" - is scheduled for Saturday, February 6. Ticket price will be \$30 (adults only). \$10 of the ticket fee will benefit the building fund; the remaining \$20 is paid to the professional actress. The goal is to sell 200 tickets. There is a possibility of a second show on February 7 if more than 200 tickets are sold and there is enough interest. Denis Antol will check with Joann Giovannianni to see what the pastoral council can do to assist for this fundraiser.
- Lent begins on Wednesday, February 17. Volunteers are needed to coordinate the Meager Meal on Ash Wednesday. Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross begin Friday, February 19. There will be a meeting for volunteers for the Fish Fry on January 13 @ 7 pm.
- "Faith in Action" speakers will be invited to witness to their ministries here at St. Catherine's. The Worship Committee will contact possible speakers.
- Lisa Ference suggested a "Resurrection Eggs" program to take place during one of more of the Fish Fries. Members of the Faith Formation committee will help to organize and plan.

- Father Pat will continue his Bible Study on Monday nights. Topic will be Revelations.
- Father Regis and Gary Roney will be teaching an adult education course on sacraments.
- After a brief discussion of Donut Sunday procedures, the council decided that it would not be necessary to provide drinks to the CCD students.

Standing Committee Reports:

Community Life

Dick McGeown reported that new parishioners have been called to attend the January 10 "New Parishioner Social." Representatives from different ministries will be here to meet people and give brief, 1-minute presentations. Ministries include Knights of Columbus, Christian Women, Music Ministry, CCD, Pastoral Council, Ladies of Charity, St. Vincent de Paul, and Youth Council.

Worship Committee

Jim Kaczynski reported that the Worship Committee will be meeting to discuss plans for the Lenten "Faith in Action" speakers.

Physical Plant

Father Regis reported that the restroom in the Bride's room is completed and will be unlocked and used only on days that weddings are scheduled. It is intended to be used by brides and wedding attendants only.

Additional plans:

- The floor in the downstairs restrooms will be tiled.
- Four panels in the narthex will be covered/finished in oak to match the rest of the wood. These panels provide access to the organ pipes.
- We are currently receiving bids for painting the inside of the church, and for replacing the interior light bulbs.

It was noted that the contractors will return in the spring to repair slight cracking in the pillars located outside of the front office.

Next meeting is scheduled for January 27.

Faith Formation

Pam Grove reported that the Faith Formation committee is working on three goals for the year:

- Women's Retreat – Sandy Macioce is contacting Sr Ann at Kearns Spirituality Center
- Speaker Series – address different contemporary topics (one in spring, one in fall)
- Family Movie Night – featuring Christian/value based movies – possibly a fundraiser for kids going to Appalachia

Other Matters:

There has been a positive reaction to Father Regis' statement to remain in church until the end of Mass. This seems to be very effective.

The council suggested that perhaps there could be a change in the times of the Christmas Eve Mass (6 pm to 7 pm) to alleviate congestion in the parking lot. People were leaving the 4:00 and 4:05 Masses as others were trying to come to 6:00 Mass.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 7, 2010.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Adams