



Pastoral Council Meeting – 23 September 2008

| Meeting Date: November 27, 2007 | | Meeting Place: Parish Offices | | Time: 7pm |
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| Attendees: | X | Brandon Harrison | X | Fr. Ron Combs |
| | X | Dave Dillon | | Fr. Tom Shearer |
| | X | Joe Hurr | X | Mary Ehret |
| | X | Luis Garcia | | |
| | X | Mary Jane Weir | | |
| | X | Mike Fitzgerald | | |
| | | Mikki Clancy | | |
| | X | Pat Mullen | | |
| | X | Peggy Grogan | | |
| Guests: | X | Michael Sievers | | |
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| Purpose of Meeting: |
| Discuss Parish reports and provide direction on Parish activities. |
| Desired Outcomes: |
| Discuss recent parish activities and activities to improve the Parish. |
| Agenda – Discussion Lead: |
| 1. Opening Prayer |
| 2. Living It! Update |
| 3. Discussion of steps to meet 2008-2009 goals |
| 4. Commission Reports |
| 5. Good of the Order |
| 6. Closing Prayer |

Fr. Ron opened the meeting with a prayer.

| Topic: Living It! Update – Mary Ehret |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kickoff weekend of September 27, 2008 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jelly bean balloon bags after all masses 2. Parish Council members encouraged to wear t-shirts during kickoff masses 3. Fr. Ron suggested that additional posters/visuals would be beneficial at the church entrances • Culmination of events leads to Harvest Fair 10/19/08 <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Limited masses during Harvest Fair weekend – 5pm, 9am, 11am 2. Processional will lead everyone to PAC after masses • Fr. Ron discussed the events surrounding the recent power outage. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Might be a good future channel for Living It! where parishioners could submit examples of how they experienced others or themselves “Living It” (helping neighbors with food, cleanup, power, etc.) 2. Solicited thoughts for planned outreach opportunities for similar debilitating events in future (including snow/blizzards). |

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Topic: Steps for 2008-2009 Goals

- Group was asked to consider the subject prayerfully – will be discussed further at October 22nd meeting
- Vision statement: should be joint effort between Parish Council and Living It!. Group discussed whether or not a subcommittee should be developed to formulate statement. Efforts should start after Harvest Fair.
- For additional goals, solicit suggestions at Harvest Fair and poll commissions for member ideas.
- Actual goals:
 1. Increase volunteer base by 5-10% after Living It!
 2. Establish formal communication committee to coordinate activities and ensure open channels.
 3. Establish fellowship commission.
 4. Establish 50th Anniversary Committee
 - Solicit names from Fr. Tom
 - Mary Ehret is designated staff employee on committee
 5. Determine Parish Council oversight for Living It!
 - LI commission to continue
 - Random sampling of volunteers to ensure proper follow-up

Topic: Commission Reports

- Social Outreach: Peggy Grogan
 - Increasing need for school supplies. Commission will discuss with Fr. Tom for possible options.
 - Meals for homeless has been very successful with positive response from parish.
 - Giving Tree will be focus of meetings through end of year – collection dates weekend of 12/12/08.
- Worship: Dave Dillon
 - Reviewed calendar for Fr. Tom's sabbatical. Scheduled covered for time frame (mid-November to mid-March). Working on baptismal schedules.
- School Board: Mary Jane Weir
 - No report – meeting canceled due to power outages. Rescheduled for 9/23/08.
- Financial : Mikki Clancy
 - No report
- Communication
 - No report
- Regional Planning: Mike Fitzgerald/Fr. Ron
 - Few collaborative efforts. Comparing calendars.
 - During Fr. Tom's sabbatical, Monday morning worshipers will be invited to OLGH for mass. Good start for juggling coverage.
- Finance committee will not meet again until Summer.

Topic: Miscellaneous

- UD Intern
 - Michael Sievers is working with St. Henry on an internship. He is a Junior at UD, majoring in Religious Studies. He will be coordinating the confirmation program at St. Henry's. He will also facilitate in other projects, including the Advent Festival, and provide feedback regarding his experience at the Forum for Young Catechetical Leaders. St. Henry's is very excited to have Michael as an intern.
- Leah Groshel has been appointed as the new youth minister.
- Masses at 8am and 11am have had some great singers - very impressive. The group has been a blessing for St. Henry. Great ensemble!

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Topic: Good of the Order

- Marriage Enrichment: 41 couples attended; very positive feedback.
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Respectfully submitted by: Mary Jane Weir