

## **Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of 4/20/09**

**In Attendance:** Father Dave, Bob DeSimone, Florence Loch, Claire Budnik, Regina Flaherty, Kathy Coyne, Tom Bennett, Pat Olson, John Wagner, Moira Barber, Tom Wagner, Beth Olson, and Judd Mellott.

Father Dave led the council in prayer. Minutes from the March 9 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

### **Pastor's Report:**

**Annual Bishops Appeal:** We are currently at \$50K of our \$70K goal. Three weeks ago we were in the top 3 in the diocese. In-pew registration will be held at all Masses on 5/2 and 5/3.

**Triduum:** All services were well attended.

**Social Events:** Both the Pancake Breakfast and Fish Fry had good turnouts with a diverse representation of the many small communities within our parish that tend to come together for the greater good of our parish.

- **Pancake Breakfast:** Approximately 220 people attended. Given its success, the council will coordinate with Reach next year to keep 2 Sundays open in November and March. Net profit was \$200. We purchased new griddles with profits from the last breakfast.
- **Fish Fry:** 172 tickets were sold and we realized a small profit. Entertainment was great and the physical setup in the hall was better this year.

**Guatemala Trip:** There's still room for a few more people and the cost commitment not including airfare is approximately \$300.

**St. Jerome 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The Jubilee will begin with the 2009 St. Jerome Festival and end with the 2010 festival. We looked into a concert with Chanticleer but it is cost prohibitive and we are considering other options including the Notre Dame Liturgical Folk Group. Florence feels comfortable that our parish has enough people who can provide pictures and history from 1985 to 1995 for the anniversary book. We certainly have 1995 and beyond covered. We will start advertising at the end of May to recruit volunteers to help on the committee.

### **Parish Events:**

**Council Elections:** Judd Mellott is handling this year and reported on what has been done so far. 4 members are completing their terms and 3 current members are up for re-election. Nominations will take place over the weekends of 4/18-4/19 and 4/24-4/26 with elections to be held the weekends

of 5/9-5/10 and 5/15-5/16. New members will be blessed at Pentecost Sunday Masses. John Wagner and Tom Bennett will help with follow up phone calls to nominees and Beth will handle posting nominee resumes and photos on the bulletin board. A discussion ensued on whether or not signatures on the ballots are necessary. We decided to allow parishioners who didn't want to put their names on the actual ballot to place their unsigned ballot in a sealed and signed envelope instead. The envelope will be discarded and the unsigned ballot will be tabulated.

**Americares #3:** We have several volunteers ready to work on the home of one of our own parishioners on Saturday, May 2. Woody Wood is coordinating again this year.

**Car Raffle:** John Kuzco is managing the finances and Tom Bennett is handling the dinner to be held at All Saints on Saturday, June 13. We booked the same entertainer we had at the Fish Fry and may also consider bringing in a magician. Many volunteers are needed throughout the day and evening to set up, serve and clean up.

**Ice Cream Social:** Tentatively scheduled for Pentecost Sunday and we will offer coffee and donuts after the morning Masses and ice cream after the 6:00 Mass. Tom Bennett suggested that we use this opportunity to have sign-up posters available to recruit volunteers for our various parish activities.

**Social Concerns:** St. Jerome is an emergency center available to the Red Cross. Barbara Bagnato is working on setting up an emergency preparedness plan for our parish through the Fire Department.

**Church Grounds:** The faded stop sign at the rear parking lot still needs to be replaced. The corner of Half Mile Road and East Rocks needs sprucing up and we should consider moving the clothing drop box to an obscure location on the property or at least disguising its appearance.

### **New Business:**

How about a welcome home night for our returning college students? We can keep it simple with a light supper of Mac and Cheese. To be discussed at next meeting.

The next council meeting will be held on May 11. Father Dave led the council in closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Claire Budnik  
Council Secretary