

## **Minutes of St. Jerome Pastoral Council Meeting of January 11, 2010**

**In attendance:** Father Dave, Father Joe, Kevin Smyth, Pat Olson, Florence Loch, Tom Rietano, Beth Olson, Tom Wagner, John Turchick, Dick Maiberger, Bob DeSimone, Greg Vetter, Moira Barber, and Regina Flaherty.

Beth Olsen led the council in prayer. Minutes from the November 9, 2009 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

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

- Tonight's council meeting prayer is downstairs in the hall because of the massive work being done up in the church. Lights, circuit breakers are being replaced. CL&P is paying for 40% of this upgrade.
- New sound systems and spot lights are being installed with the help of \$12,000 raised. The work is being done during the week. John Davis is and has been a tremendous help with the sound system and the musicians. There were two gifts to the church last summer, one of \$101,000 and a second of \$70,000, part of which is being used for the lighting project.
- The family of Richard Lusniak is giving the gift of 4 silver chalice.
- Emmaus this year has 12 candidates for the weekend of January 16-17, 2010. The committee has pulled everything together beautifully.
- There are five people in the RICA program this year.
- Audit meeting scheduled with the diocese on January 26, 2010. We are in compliance with most all procedures with the exception of two, time sheets for employees and the bidding process for projects of over \$5,000. The diocese requires three bids on projects over \$5,000. We obtained two bids for the snow plowing for this winter.
- The Congregational Life Study Group has not met as of yet.
- The parish mission will be held the first week in March this year. The same team of three that had led the last three missions will again be with us.
- The Parish 50th Anniversary committee will meet on January 13, 2010. Bishop William Lori will preside at Mass on September 19, 2010 in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Jerome parish.

### **Parish Events:**

Bob DeSimone reviewed the events that have taken place:

- The November 22nd Pancake breakfast did "well" with a profit of about \$250 being made. A "good time" was had by all.

- The November 29th Family day was very successful; there was a full house with over 30 families participating.
- The Young adult night just did not pan out over the Christmas holiday. Greg, Tom, and Beth tried hard to get the word out to all, even putting an invite out on Face book. Their efforts are much appreciated.
- February 6, 2010 is the date for the St. Jerome Ski Trip. A one day trip is being planned and all parishioners are welcomed.
- The council had a discussion about the possibility of using FaceBook as a way to reach out to some of our young people. Greg, Tom, and Beth will “explore” this concept to see if it might benefit the parish.
- The next Pancake Breakfast/“St. Jerome’s Got Talent” art show is scheduled for February 14, 2010. There will be a meeting at the end of January of those who would like to help with the breakfast. There will be only one weekend of advanced ticket selling, the weekend of February 6-7, 2010.
- The parish Fish Fry is scheduled for March 19, 2010.

### **50th Anniversary Events:**

Upcoming events include the Parish Mission on March 1-4, 2010, a lecture to be held on March 26, 2010, a Sunday afternoon concert on April 25, 2010 by the Second Wind Band, Hospitality and Ministry Sunday in May, Blue Fish baseball game in June, and the concluding Mass on September 19, 2010.

### **Other events:**

- May 1, 2010 instead of participating in America Cares we possibly will arrange to help a St. Jerome parishioner instead.
- Building and grounds spruce up upcoming in the spring.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Next meeting is March 8, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Moir Barber  
Pastoral Council Secretary