



Pastoral Council

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Leadership Night Report

Our Lady of the Black Hills is a caring community of believers in Christ sharing the journey to eternal life. We are nourished through our sacramental way of life. As a Catholic family we learn, pray, play and worship together. In living the teachings of Jesus, we strive to be loving servants to all.

Pastoral Council Meeting Report

Present: Fr. Steve Biegler, Gary Erickson, Crystal Hocking, Aaron Johnson, Henry Maicki, Leisha Nash, Cindy Thompson, Phillip Thompson, Bob Wentz.

Absent: Mary Policky. ***Guest:*** Lorinda Collings

Last spring the parish had suggested several possible names for the old rectory. The top five names will be posted in the bulletin for two weeks to allow everyone time to consider the names. At Masses on October 1-2, people will vote on the name which they prefer.

The new Missal study groups are meeting and 150 people are participating. The council discussed the need to continue raising funds in order to repay the loan for the purchase of the new rectory. The Finance Council has been working on this, and Fr. Steve will assist them. Lorinda Collings presented the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget to the Pastoral Council. It was already approved by the Finance Committee. The annual Income/Expense report will be posted in the bulletin.

Father Steve brought up the Boy Scouts need for storage. Before deciding on how to accommodate their needs, the staff will talk about all of the storage needs for the parish. Then Fr. Steve will work with Jim Wranek, the Administrative Committee and the Boy Scouts to find a workable solution.

New and current members of the Pastoral Council and commissions will be installed during the three upcoming Masses on 9/24/11 and 9/25/11.

Administration Commission

Administration Commission, 9/19/11, reviewed the Facility Use policy. Discussions were brought up about adding a section about alcohol use, adding a follow up checklist to be used after facilities have been used, and to have a person available if the facility users need assistance with anything. Betsy provided the Guidelines for Special Events Coverage document that she uses to determine which groups are charged for facility use. Both documents will be reviewed by the commission. The Guidelines document also mentions that a Risk Management Guidelines document is available concerning alcohol

use. Leisa will be requesting that document for review also. Betsy is responsible for scheduling facility use. She only needs Father Steve's approval for scheduling weddings. Also brought up was the need for a calendar or calendars to track all parish and non-parish events/activities.

Father Steve brought up the Boy Scouts need for storage. Before allowing the Boy Scouts one of the OLBH's storage sheds, Father Steve requested that all storage needs be reviewed first. Father Steve will contact Parish staff on their needs. A question came up about insuring their belongings. Lorinda said that since the Boy Scouts are a charter of OLBH, their belongings are covered by OLBH's insurance.

Goals for Commission:

1. Review and Revise Facility Use document
2. Produce a "goals list" for committees the Administration Commission represents.

Community Commission

The Boys Scouts had a representative that joined our commission to discuss a concern they have. Currently, the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are storing items either in the church or a trailer, and there is not enough space for the items. They are looking for a garage or shed to store these items, which are owned by the church. They are not opposed to building a shed to accommodate their needs.

The committee also discussed possibilities to rotate various groups to serve Coffee Hour, which is at the end of the Sunday morning Mass. Coffee Hour is a time to gather and have fellowship. The rotation would be done at least once a year by all of the group/committees that represent the church. It was discussed these groups/committees would pick a Sunday to serve. This is also a great way for them to bring exposure to themselves and for the church parishioners to learn more about that group/committee.

The church is looking for volunteers to help in website and computer support. Currently, this is being supported by one person and the church is looking to spread the responsibility. If anyone is interested, please contact Betsy Van Asma.

Lastly, our group came up with two goals that we would like to work on for this year. The first one was discussed above, which was to begin a rotation for coffee hour. The second is to invite other committees that fall under the Community Commission to come to the scheduled Leadership Night meeting to bring feedback to our committee and to bring any concerns forth. For any questions, please contact Erin Wentz at 605-381-6595 or contact Betsy Van Asma.

Formation Commission

Our group kicked off the fall meetings with updates from two OLBH parish staff members whose principle jobs are faith formation. Teresa and Jenny reported on summer programs and for fall activities planned for the 114 children and students who have so far enrolled. They said that ongoing training is needed both for them and core team members. Jenny is also helping other parishes who are interested in starting Good Shepherd programs.

John announced that there are 16 Celebrate Anew groups which have been formed to discuss the booklets about the new translation of the Roman Missal used for Mass.

Members of the commission agreed that recruiting volunteers to help make faith formation groups more successful will be one of the goals to be discussed next time.

Outreach Commission

The Outreach Commission met to discuss current ministries and possible future endeavors. Current members are Henry Maicki, Mary Policky, Kathy Van Asma; Estela Haakedahl and Dave Carroll will continue as co-chairs. Father Steve will act as a resource person for the commission. Members discussed the following ministries, hoping to update their current activity/needs:

Jail Ministry - We will follow up on current activity. Needs a chairperson.

Food Pantry - Judy Roemmich is still coordinating. An appeal for food supplies will be in the bulletin.

Card Ministry - Currently is in need of a chairperson. We will follow up.

Cornerstone Rescue Mission - Estela and team still serving meals once per month.

Just Faith and Peace and Justice - Follow up with Father Steve re: future/need.

Prayer Blanket - Barb Coyle is still involved with this ministry.

Returning Catholics - Still active and will follow up with leadership.

Vocations Committee - We will follow up regarding current activity.

Healing Meals - Our group's newest ministry is still in need of volunteers who may be able to provide a meal or part of a meal.

We will discuss Food for the Poor, Native American Outreach, and Respect Life at our next meeting. We also identified the following goals for this year:

1. Regular reports from as many ministries as possible so Outreach can have a better awareness of activity/need and report info to Pastoral Council. We would like to make ministry members more welcome to attend commission meetings.
2. Identify a committee chair for each ministry.
3. To provide as much help as we can to the various ministries under Outreach.

Worship Commission

The Worship Commission acknowledged the value of the Wedding Blessing for couples married within each month. The blessing not only offers an inspiration to younger married couples but those being honored also greatly appreciate the blessing as they live out their sacrament of marriage. An upcoming training will be held for current and new lectors to clarify instructions and emphasize the important role lectors perform as leaders of prayer. We also discussed and approved a temporary blind for the windows behind the altar and referred it to the building and grounds committee.

We continued last year's discussion concerning the need for all worship ministers to either serve in their roles when they are scheduled or to find a replacement. All ministers' participation enhances the liturgy, and "no-shows" create stress to sacristans as well as those who are called to substitute when they arrive at church and haven't had time to prepare for the ministry. We need to determine which of the current ministers want to continue serving in their position. Many returning worship ministers did not attend the Ministry Fair, so Father Steve suggested that lists be available in the gathering area the first two Sundays of October so that current worship ministers can confirm their interest in continuing in their present ministry and to update their contact information and Mass preference.