

**St. Peter Claver Pastoral Council Meeting**  
**January 13, 2010**

Present: Jane Digel, Peg Gould, Moe Fradette, Patrick Johnson, Father Leary, Gigi Frailey, Tom Goodrum, Janine Cote, Joel Smith, Dan O'Brien, Ann Siczewicz and Chris Kelly from the KofC.

- Meeting called to order at 7:05.
- Father Leary opened with a prayer.
- It was mentioned and unanimous that the Christmas Concert was awesome.
- Welcome to Ann Siczewicz as new trustee for the parish.
- Minutes from the December 16, 2009 meeting were approved after a couple typos were identified.
- Pastor's report:
  - Lighting and protection project for the buildings is on-going for awhile.
  - All members were ok and complimentary pertaining to the donation of the \$10,000 as part of the 10% tithing from the annual collection. An additional \$36,000 has come in since, which makes the total \$136,000, which is the biggest ever (\$92,000 last year). (Another approx. \$3,000 will be tithed and donated.) It was both an increase in the number of donations and, on average, in the dollar amount of each donation.
  - There was an inquiry about could we get matching donations; it was stated that churches are excluded from matching donations.
- Pastoral Council meeting schedule. It was confirmed that the meetings will continue to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays of each month; 10 months per year; there will be no meetings in July or August.
  - Inclement weather pertaining to the meetings – if public schools and/or religious education are cancelled, the pastoral council meeting will be cancelled. Check your location TV station.
- Feedback from the strategic plan survey and other inputs.
  - Discussion about relationship with St. Tim's should be included.
    - Some input is that St. Tim's is not too open at this time.
    - We should use the tender approach.
    - Suggestion - do the mission together - possible opportunity is the Haitian Committee and mission.
    - Consensus is to add something in the strategic plan pertaining to St. Tim's and our twinning (Peg Gould volunteered to create the addition).
    - Pat Johnson will contact Paul Travis and work to get the two councils together.
    - Recommended that we reach out to St. Tim's and begin this process before it is dictated by the Archdiocese.
  - Small Christian Communities is another area that should somehow be included in the strategic plan.
    - Gigi Frailey volunteered to create the addition.
    - The current bible study group coordinated by Gigi is using Brother Moriarity's book.
    - Suggestion is to get a core group/team together and have Brother Bob Moriarity talk with the group. When that is planned, Gigi will put something in the bulletin inviting those who are interested.
  - Another area related to the youth.
    - It was agreed that we already have items in the strategic plan pertaining to the youth.

- Add something within Family Life portion specifically about the youth.
    - Liturgy – add the liturgical committee.
    - The pastoral council will review the additional items in an attempt to finalize the strategic plan at this time.
      - Operationally, it will be put and kept on the Web site.
      - The pastoral council will review it periodically and keep it as a living document and make changes/adjustments as needed.
  - Unemployment group
    - Moe Fradette to follow up and help to organize.
  - Committee Reports
    - House
      - The lighting protection project is on-going.
      - The sander on the back of the truck is going.
    - Social Ministry/Social Activities
      - Christmas Baskets – all baskets for the 93 families were eventually delivered despite a serious snowstorm.
      - Haitian Ministry has set up the 501 c 3.
      - Haitian medical mission was planned for Feb. 22 -28; with the earthquake, they are evaluating when to go.
      - CT. Walks for Haiti is scheduled for April 10, 2010. St. Peter Claver is the host. This is even more important now since the earthquake happened.
      - Nancy Ryan and Joanne Farrell attended the West Hartford Parishes Outreach Committee to discuss the CT. Walks for Haiti – seemed to be enthusiasm and support.
    - Education
      - Monday, March 22 at 7:30 pm will be the Living Stations of the Cross put on by the 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders.
      - Next years registration – looking at on-line options including sending emails with form attached.
    - Stewardship
      - Leaders Meeting to be held on January 27<sup>th</sup> to discuss communication.
      - It was discussed that committees should have a succession plan.
    - Liturgy
      - Gigi is scheduling Wednesdays at 7 pm during Lent to share and experience various forms of spiritual practice.
      - Doors need to be kept closed before, during and after Mass to conserve energy.
      - Marian will be giving a brief introduction at the beginning of each Mass about the main focus and message of the day's readings and Mass.
    - Knights of Columbus
      - They had a good turnout for the breakfast with Santa.
      - They have decided to partner with a charity to help with fundraising and get volunteers. They have chosen St. Agnes Home. They intend to pilot this with the hope that other KofC councils will pick up this idea.
      - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - they will host the coffee hour after all Sunday Masses.
    - Old business – none
    - New business – none
  - Closing Prayer. Meeting closed at 8:35 pm.
- Next meeting – Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm.