

Minutes of the St Malachy Pastoral Council Meeting

July 19, 2010, 7:00 pm

St. Malachy Pastoral Council held its fourth meeting for year 2010 in the St. Malachy parish office meeting room on Tuesday, July 19th.

Attendance:

Father Michael Maranowski , Sister Jolenta Sredinski, Pastoral Associate; Rosemary Corsetti, Interim Facilitator, Luann Richardson, Kathie Mathews, Carlos Turcios, Jesse Forquer.

Rosemary Corsetti called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and Sr Jolenta led the group in prayer. The minutes from May were reviewed and previously approved by Father Michael. Fr Michael will lead us in prayer at the next meeting, Carlos will provide hospitality, and Luann will record the minutes.

The minutes from May 11th will be placed on the website.

Pastor's report:

Update on St John of God school closing--Father met with Fr Louis Vallone, pastor at St John of God, along with parents of children who will be attending St Malachy. The meeting went well and transition plans were "well received." In all, 85 students from St John of God plan to attend St Malachy. There is an Angel Fund at St John of God to help with tuition.

St Malachy will be designated as the "receiving school." Total enrollment is projected at ~200 students for the 2010-11 school year and 2 additional part time teachers are being hired for helping with the lower grades. Issues being looked at further include Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion as well as practical issues such as supplies, desks, etc. Father Lou plans playing an important role in the transition and is most welcome!

New Pastoral Council Guideline Update:

Several Pastoral Council members attended the meetings in June held by the Diocese to update Pastoral Council members on the new Guidelines, "One Body, One Mission: The Parish Council Guidelines of the Diocese of Pittsburgh"

Our Mission Statement was reviewed and reflected upon:

We, the Parish Family of St Malachy, guided by the Holy Spirit are committed to continue the works for Jesus Christ through worship, education and service thereby building the body of Christ as a community of compassion and love.

Other items discussed referring to the new guidelines included the possibility of attending annual retreats, continued prayer focus to begin each meeting (Lectio Devina), term limits for Pastoral Council members, and prayerful recruitment strategies for additional candidates for membership. Suggestions included speaking at the masses, having each council member discern names, bulletin messages, and emphasis at our next "Parish Town Hall" meeting. Regardless, continued prayer by all of the parish community will play a role in any recruitment strategies and Father Michael will be discerning a plan. The goal set by the Diocese is to have a Council membership of ~ 7-10 parishioners.

Other issues:

Strategic Plan/Pillars for parish were completed at our May 11th meeting.

Parish Picnic July 18, 2010 went well. A big thank you to the Men's club and the Knights of Columbus.

Fr Russell's 50th anniversary celebration was a big success in so many ways. A big thank you to Margie Masilunas for doing a fantastic job in organizing this and to the countless others who helped in any way.

Time and Talent Survey is being further refined at this time. This will be a future action item and will be discussed at a later meeting.

"Hands of Love" - Involves having parishioners (on a revolving basis) give one hour of their time to do something for the parish or to help others. These things may be small yet vital-- such as shopping, watering flowers, sending cards, welcoming gestures, etc.

Upcoming events:

Donut Sunday is to begin in the fall via Knights of Columbus. It will be held on the Sunday that the donut sale is scheduled. Invitations will be sent to new parishioners.

Parish Town Hall meeting planned for Jan 2011.

The next meeting will be Sept 20th when the Parish Staff will give updates/reports and at the meeting in November, we will focus on the Parish Town Hall Meeting and new members.

Action items for follow up on: 1)Continued discussion of new Parish Pastoral Council Guidelines, 2) Monthly Calendar, 3) Minutes on website following approval 4) Discern/recruit additional candidates to serve on the Pastoral Council, 5) Town Hall meeting planning.

Sister Jolenta led us in the closing prayer at 8:30 pm.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sept 20th, 2010 at 7:00 pm

Submitted by Luann Richardson 7-21-2010