

St. Barbara Pastoral Council Monthly Meeting

MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2011

7:00 P.M.

ST. BARBARA'S ROOM

MEETING CALLED BY	Charter
TYPE OF MEETING	Recurring Monthly
FACILITATOR	Roy Draper
NOTE TAKER	Paul Hunton
ATTENDEES	Present: Fr. Ken, Fr, Jimmy, Roy Draper, Carla Goetz , Brad Polk, Rita Haldeman, , Paul Hunton;, Dave Kent, Kevin Cordera, Darlene Polk, Barb DeFelice, David Yant, Maxine Weir Guests: Kathy Meyer, Mary Ellen Stilwell, Dawn Borger, Ken Meyer Absent: Phillip LaMantia, Carol Good

Agenda topics

1. **CALL TO ORDER/BLESSING (5 MINUTES)** **FATHER KEN/ROY DRAPER**

Fr. Ken led the Pastoral Council in an opening prayer.

2. **MEETING MINUTES REVIEW (5 MINUTES)** **PAUL HUNTON**

DISCUSSION	February 2011 Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

3. **MISC. DISCUSSION:, FISH FRY, OAK FARM PASTA DINNER (15 MINUTES)** **DAWN BORGER/MAXINE WEIR**

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The following members will be volunteering at the Fish Fry on April 1st: Carla, Rita Haldeman, Maxine (and Bob) Weir, Dave Kent, Brad & Darlene Polk. Dawn is scheduling the positions that Pastoral Council will fill. Maxine and Mary Ellen provided a summary of the Oak Farm Pasta Dinner (home visitation project). Maxine provided a brief presentation of the Pastoral Council functions. Overall feedback from this phase of the visitation project went well. The next visitation phase of the program will be in May (with training of visitors right after Easter). Approximately 200 families will be visited. Rita will represent the Council at the June 27th spaghetti dinner. Fr. Ken reported that the program is going better than he hoped. Other Council members (Brad Polk) have also received positive, unsolicited feedback. 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
None		

DISCUSSION

- The Theology on Tap program has already started. 30 attended the January program, 25 attended in February. There will be two more, in April and May, before summer.
- On April 10th, there will be a singer/composer who will be performing from 5:30/8:30 (as sponsored by the Diocese) to focus to the young adult ministry.
- The main goal is for the Pastoral Council is to increase attendance and be more welcoming. One of the targeted groups is young adults (19-39). There are lots of parishioners in this age bracket with lots of children. It was noted (with feedback from Cara Biskup) that with kids and work, it is difficult to get members of this age group to actively participate. Open forum discussion:
 - Darlene Polk: Perhaps we could break this group (19-39) into a smaller targeted ages/groups (19-23, 24-30, 30-39, groups with families, etc.). Seconded by Maxine.
 - Barb DeFelice: Brought up Mother of Sorrows' program to send care packages to college students – sponsored by the youth group).
 - Brad Polk: Is another program necessary,
 - Kevin Cordera: Family activities have been successful (Easter Egg Hunt, Christmas/Santa, Corn Roast).
 - Dave Kent: We shouldn't just rely on the Diocese. Can we engage other parishes?
 - Fr Ken: This age group is difficult to engage because of other commitments. The Church is generally challenged to engage folks in the community. It would be the worth the effort to try. It would be a positive if we could get a group/groups of like age/minded people to connect.
 - Rita Haldeman: Questionnaires to the Mother's Circle, at the Easter Egg Hunt.
 - Paul Hunton: Family oriented activities could include things like movie/drive-in night, game night.
 - Dave Yant: Also felt that family activities would be successful
 - Fr. Jimmie: He has found the same problem with the Philippines. Many different groups have been formed with folks who are not particularly active in the Church. By forming such groups, people who are not particularly active experience a positive interaction with St. Barbara's.
 - Ken Meyer: Agreed that it may be best to break up this large target audience (19-39). Ken and Kathy Meyer both agreed that many younger persons are not separately registered, but registered under their parents. If these could be identified (a 19-20something group) and engage them with Christy Smith as a facilitator.
 - Social media could also be explored
 - Separate note: Are we missing an opportunity to engage
- Conclusions:
 - The Pastoral Council didn't feel that it would be best to have a Pastoral Council program to formally address this effort.
 - The original plan to invite a group of young adults together with Christy as facilitator and see if this effort "self starts" would still be valuable.
 - Names proposed by council members (last November) included:
 - Gary Ising
 - Jim and Rose Sherwin
 - Amelia and Chris Steele
 - Alison Botti
 - Laura and Jessica Kolano
 - Matt, Greg, and Michelle Close
 - Jamie and Dan Kowaliski
 - Jeannette Sheldon
 - Steve and Jill Prodiscimio
 - Bob and Holly Vareha
 - Paul and Stephanie Valiant
 - Keith and Cara Biskup
 - Jim and Carri Blawas
 - Darren Miller
 - Tim Fritz
 - Justin Terek
 - Requested that Judy Shaffer get phone numbers for those listed above and query the Parish database for those in this age group who are registered in the Parish. The goal is to establish a critical mass. Approximately 40 will be contacted to try to form up this core group. It was requested that Elisa Eskay be

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> requested to write the letter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ask Christy Smith what dates she is available to facilitate and what topics to cover in the letter.(Roy Draper – action for next meeting) ○ Engaging the youth group to have THEM start up a social media (facebook page) would be helpful. ○ Family social events should be emphasized 	
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Judy Shaffer get phone numbers for those listed in the minutes above and query the Parish database for those in this age group who are registered in the Parish	Judy Shaffer	
Elisa Esasky to be contacted to write a letter to those identified as a potential core members for a Young Adult Program	Roy Draper	

5. **ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER/BLESSING (5 MINUTES)** **FR. KEN/ALL**

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS 7:00 p.m. MONDAY, April 11th, St. Barbara’s Room.

Open Actions (Summary)

ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE
Contact Christy Smith regarding scheduling the youth program information session.	Dawn Borger	April Meeting
Judy Shaffer get phone numbers for those listed in the minutes above and query the Parish database for those in this age group who are registered in the Parish	Judy Shaffer	
Elisa Eskay to be contacted to write a letter to those identified as a potential core members for a Young Adult Program	Roy Draper	April Meeting