

Combined Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting – September 29, 2010

Fr. Bob, Deacon Bob and 19 members were present for the Meeting.

Meeting opened with Prayer led by Fr. Bob Jackson.

Members approved the previous meeting's minutes (August).

Old Business:

- Parish Picnic
 - o Positive feedback; tremendous success.
- Parish Outreach
 - o RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)
 - o "Why is the Catholic Church catholic" presented Sept. 30, 2010

New Business:

- Marathon gas station change
 - o Marathon owners, the Miller Family, are selling their site on Cleve-Mass. Rd.
 - o Convenient Store, in proposal for the site, will include sales of alcohol.
We may be asked to sign a waiver reg. alcoholic sales; Council holds no objections.
- Parish Hall
 - o New Heating System is running.
 - o Air Conditioning units blew (South condensers); repair work to be done.
- Traffic
 - o Major congestion esp. on Faith Formation weekends.
 - o Inquiry with the City of Norton brought forth a reality that the property behind the Church, hoped to be a future exit area, is privately owned and no longer a right-of-way.
 - o Fr. Jackson suggested hiring a police officer, on Faith Formation weekends, to control congested traffic and provide safety for all, esp. the children, before/after the 10:30 am Mass.
- Mass time survey
 - o Parishioners indicated their preferred Mass times for weekends on Sept. 18/19, 2010 in a Survey done before the Masses in Church.
Majority chose keeping the present 5:00 pm Saturday Mass.
Sunday Mass preferences ranged with 11:00 am and 8:00 am as most preferred. Results to be published in Church Bulletin.
No decisions made reg. Mass times at this meeting; Oct. Mtg. will hold further discussion and possible decisions.
 - o Feasibility of a "third" Sunday Mass was suggested.

Fr. Jackson expressed concerns, esp. with clergy shortage now and in the future, that this is not plausible.

Deacon Bob Youngblood brought the awareness of Canon Law to all stating that a priest is to have no more than two (2) Masses on any given day, except under special circumstances.

- Upcoming Events (Blessing of Animals, Ethnic Rosary/Polka Mass, Anointing, etc.) were listed on the Meeting's Agenda.

- Parish Building Projects
 - Pros & Cons (listed on handout) were discussed.
 - Monthly outreach mailings to "roaming" persons suggested.
 - Proposed Church Building plans and Visual sketches of the Church illustrated the proposed church addition.
 - Pew addition seating minimum of 100, maximum 127
 - Extended canopy for entryway
 - Ease of access for handicapped and those for whom walking is difficult
 - Added storage space
 - Windows use:
 - Glass from existing window moved for addition
 - Stained glass from former St. Mary Church to be installed
 - Stained glass/doors of SS. Cyril & Methodius to be sought
 - Minor Sanctuary Renovation
 - Move Tabernacle
 - Move Presider's chair and seating
 - Move pulpit
 - Church Financial Status
 - Handout given
 - Development Savings, Holy Trinity Funds, and recent bequests – sufficient to cover addition
 - Other Funds: Checking, CD's, Restricted, Unrestricted, etc. remain
 - Engineer Estimates/Comments by Lou Perry (Handout)
 - 400K – Church budget

- Bid solicitation
 - Adjustments to keep within available funds
 - Obtain several bids
 - Exercise Prudence with finances
 - Present economic conditions, timing would result in lower cost than in the future
 - Parishioner Support encouraged
 - Additional remarks
 - Visual renditions of Church Building now vs. proposed construction ahead to be displayed.
 - Hold a “Town Hall” or Open Forum Meeting to discuss with parishioners the proposed Building Project.
- Other Remarks
 - Special Thanks extended to Church Custodians for extreme cleanliness and great building conditions for the beginning of a new Faith Formation year amidst the various major summer projects that were at hand! (Congrats to Dick Hackett & Jerry Gonsiewski)
 - All Diocesan Priests are gone October 19 through 21, 2010 for Convocation with Bishop Lennon.
- Fr. Jackson appealed to all to discern prayerfully what is best for the Catholic Community of Prince of Peace and its’ worship now and in future times.

Meeting Conclusion: “Prayer of the Rich Man and Lazarus” by Larry Lauter, Pastoral Associate.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 27, 2010 @ 7:00 pm.