

St. Pius Pastoral Council Meeting

October 27, 2009

We met at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck dinner at the Rectory. Parish Pastoral Council members, Financial Council members and spouses were invited. We enjoyed great food! Thank you to Fr. Tom and Andy for hosting the gathering.

At 7:00 p.m. we convened for a brief meeting.

A Financial report was shared by Chuck Agnew and Doug Laurent. We have a \$30,000 shortfall this year. We are doing OK, walking in our faith. We had about a \$10,000 shortfall this year, surprisingly the raffle sales were down this year as well as the challenging rainy weather. The Silent auction was up a little bit this year. They hope to find higher priced ticket items in the future. The ACES family commitment letter was sent out recently. The ACES increase wasn't as high as anticipated this year.

Building and Grounds is looking at some new projects such as new sign for the church, replacement of flooring in the church, the parish parking lot and other projects. They plan to write them up and present to the parish before the projects are done. Volunteer talents have enabled us to do a variety of project such as the East parking lot updates.

We have over 800 people that have signed up for the name tag program, this is a great response. Christ Renews His Parish is another great program that will build community within the parish, enabling the 2,200 parish families to get to know one another better.

The automatic direct deposit program may need to be promoted again in the coming year. This insures constant income without people having to think about writing a check.

There was a zero increase in the budget this year. In the personnel area there was a 2-3% increase because it was felt that we need to keep the good people we have on staff.

The water bill tripled this past year. It was suggested we re-introduce the commitment card to parish members since the "Advancing the Mission" is wrapping up.

We briefly discussed a possible fund raiser for replacement of the flooring in church.

We watched the DVD promoting "Catholics Come Home." Copies of the guidebook will be made available in hard copy and via DVD. We will discuss at our future meeting.

In looking at the calendar we decided to not meet in November (our meeting night is the same night as the Christmas parade) and we decided to change the December meeting date to December 15, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes compiled by Karen Dickrell