

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL of the
CATHEDRAL OF THE SACRED HEART
MINUTES**

November 5, 2009

Members present: Father Golden, Maria Thorsen, Glenn Poole, Joe Jordan, Ike Wood, Kim Kramer, Barbara Munjas, Kathy Banks, Don King, and Dale Fater.

Excused absent: Lori Gardner, Angela Basmajian, Brian Bergen, Joyce Drexler, Deacon Marshall Banks and Carey Bliley.

In the absence of chairperson Lori Gardner, vice-chairperson Maria Thorsen chaired the meeting. Maria opened the meeting with prayer. She introduced each of our scheduled speakers for the evening.

HAITI TWINNING COMMITTEE OF ST. BRIDGET AND CATHEDRAL

presented by Ed Gerardo. Please see the attached information presented.

ACTION: Fr. Golden suggested taking a picture of each child to present to a potential sponsor. Commonwealth Catholic Charities may hire someone to oversee any foreign outreach of individual children. Pastoral Council will encourage people to participate and support the Haiti community.

HUMAN CONCERNS presented by Jenny Bliley. This ministry was established two years ago to help organize outreach events and to pursue grants as a non-profit organization. The outreach events are the following:

1. Sponsors a caritas intake in both the summer and overnight the week of Christmas,
2. Crop walk, and
3. Mentors children at Miles Jones Elementary School through the MICA program whose goal is to “get people doing”. The school will report on specific needs

ACTION: Pastoral Council can help coordinate activities and asking for specific event help or co-chair. A member of Human Concerns will be speaking to all masses in January. More information will be placed on web site to explain scope of Human Concerns.

Kim Walters handles paperwork for the Door Ministry.

WELCOMING: Carl Archacki presented to the council the newly published Cathedral Parish Resource Guide for 2009-2010 that gives new and old parishioners general information on the Cathedral, parish staff and all the ministries and contacts. The committee is working toward a one on one connection with new members.

ACTION: PC suggested putting the booklet on our web site and keeping it updated. Also on the web site needs of specific ministries can be sited. PC can encourage usage of this booklet in helping parishioners find their “place”.

The October minutes were approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jenny Bliley reported for Carey Bliley that he is working with Dave Woods on a committee regarding the Cathedral Festival next year.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special guest speakers are being considered for the Preservation Celebration next year.

On November 21, all are invited to St. Michael’s Parrish who will host a meeting to discuss the “cluster plan” for our diocese.

Glenn Poole handed out his Pastoral Council Spotlight. He will e-mail PC with questions they may want to use in their own “spotlight” to be presented to the congregation on either a bulletin board or insert into the bulletin to be decided later.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Haiti Twinning Committee of St. Bridget and Cathedral

This has been an active ministry for more than 10 years between the two Richmond parishes and Fr. Bourdeau's parish in Hinche. The principle activities have been to:

- A. Construct an primary (elementary) school for 400+ students in Carissade, approximately 7 miles (and 30 minutes) outside of Hinche
 - o Costs for 2008-9 were approximately \$62,000
 - o Provide daily meal to students
 - o Had/have repairs from 4 hurricanes in 2008
 - o This year purchased books for students at cost of \$10,171
 - o Goal for upcoming years is to increase passing scores
- B. Sponsor 3 students onto secondary school at St. Martin's in Hinche
 - o Established an Endowment to assist in covering costs
 - o Budgeted expense of \$3,500 for room & board, and tuition
- C. In mid-summer 2009, we established a health sub-committee and opened a health clinic at the school and hired a part time nurse to provide health services
 - o Budgeted cost of \$15,600
 - o More than 850 visits/treatments in first month and a half
 - o Need fund-raising support

We also purchase translation services, and on ground assistance as needed.

The committee meets monthly at St. Bridget Church (second Thursday of month, 7 PM). More than 15 members and several more sub-committee members.

Cathedral members include

- Terry and Jerry Bullard, Cos Rubencamp, Dick Shea, Jim Schroering, and Ed Gerardo (chair)

Goals for 2010 include:

- Finishing repairs for school
- Monitoring health clinic and providing necessary supplies
- Evaluating education and means for improvement of national examine scores
- Having sufficient fund raisers to grow endowment and cover annual costs
- Increase communication with parishioners about this ministry

Will be sending small group down to Haiti from Jan 7 to 14. Would like to have a blessing of committee members at Sunday liturgy (Jan 3), and seek support for Haiti week in early February.

WELCOMING MINISTRY REPORT
November 5, 2009

1. Who we are: Renewed as a Parish Committee in June of 2009 to welcome new parishioners by improving their spiritual and liturgical experiences at Cathedral and encourage their participation in the parish. Additionally, the Welcoming Ministry encourages new membership to Cathedral.

2. Current Members:

Chair: Carl Archacki
Angela Basmajian
Delores Bourgeois
Beth Laws
Lori Gardner
Carolyn Nelson
Thelma Robinson
LaShell Steward
Art Toth

3. Major Goals for 2009:

Direct contact either phone or e-mail, regular mail to all new parishioners since January – accomplished

Revised Parish Resource Guide – accomplished

- Will be introduced at all Masses Nov. 7th and 8th.
- Will be e-mailed or mailed to all new members since January
- Will be sent along with parish welcome letter to all new registered parishioners starting November 1st
- Will be available on-line at Cathedral website as of Nov. 7th

4. Remainder of Goals for 2009:

Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9AM, Parish Hall to organize welcoming events:

- First one scheduled Sunday, December 13th during Community Sunday after 9AM and 11AM Masses

5. 2010 plans include but not limited to:

- Continued one on one contact to new parishioners, acting as actual host members of Cathedral. Suggestions include meeting a new parishioner for Mass, coffee, or some type of social.
 - Development of Welcoming Ministry Page on Cathedral website
 - Listing of new members in weekly bulletin and on website
 - Wine and cheese reception after 5:15PM Weekend Masses
 - New member potluck dinner at Parish Hall
 - Continued presence at Community Sundays
 - Encouragement of new parishioners to actively use the new Parish Resource Guide and become involved in the over 40 Cathedral ministries!!!
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