

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 17, 2012

Note: Next meeting will be held on MAY 15, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Committee Reports – Hospitality & First Sunday (Larry Donnelly)

ATTENDEES

Fr. Daly, Don Mueller, Mark Drager, Barbara Johnson, Patricia Dellar, Rocky Ragano, Maureen Cassidy, Jack Yatsko, Larry Donnelly, Chris Wallmark, Cathy Hogenson, Carolyn Smithburger, Al Perpuse, Melissa Haskins, Miranda Jarnot, Maria Queen, Maritza Juanbe, and Bill Prochownik.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Don Mueller (President) at 7:10.

OPENING PRAYER AND WELCOME

Fr. Daly led the group in prayer and welcomed everyone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Without objection, the minutes of the March 20, 2012 meeting were approved on a motion made by Cathy Hogenson and seconded by Carolyn Smithburger.

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Prayers are asked for sick parishioners: Jack and Jean Doran, Walter and Ethel Sands, Joe Daigle, Skip Ford, Charlene Sparrow and Mark Annee.
2. Prayers are asked for Mary Chrzanowski, deceased mother of Deacon Ed Chrzanowski.
3. Easter Masses were very nice with about 2,000 people attending the 4 liturgies. Nine individuals joined the church at the Easter Vigil: Brandy Baril, Woody Perdue, Michelle Rivello, Michael Chavis, Skip Ford, Raymond Plitt, Marika Starke, Gordon Norwood, and Charles Young. Five children were baptized at Sunday's mass: Katylin Bowen, Jacob Howes, Starra Grajales, Connor Healey, and Kole Mishou. Fr. Daly gave thanks to George and Sandy Sullivan for leading the RCIA Team, Peggy Braham for organizing services, and to all who helped.
4. Fr. Daly said that we are the only church in Calvert County to hold a Spanish Mass. Fr. Alex Martinez, Associated Pastor of St. Ambrose in Cheverly will be coming several times a month to help. Fr. Jamie Hernandez will come when possible. Fr. Hernandez will be going to Nicaragua on the next trip.
5. Cardinal's Appeal Report of pledges indicates that we have pledged \$75,642 of our goal \$77,613 with 54% actually paid pledges.
6. Youth Advisory Board is off and running. Having a Cinco De Mayo event on May 5th and a Lock In is planned for early June. Chris Wallmark, Jr. has joined the team.
7. Food Pantry is doing remarkably well with 70 families being helped. Pantry will not be moving to the Catholic Charities Bldg. down Main Street. Guaranteeing rent was a problem and visibility is not as good. Will be adding a Dumb Waiter to the existing building to help with food handling. A meeting needs to be held regarding placement.. Fr. Daly feels there should be an outside entrance to the basement for safety reasons.
8. Interfaith Community Ministry is becoming more active. Want to meet 3 days a week. They would like to start a Thrift Shop similar to Smile.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Vianney Room – Mark Drager said the new anticipated completion day is the end of May. Sprinkler system is not complete. County Inspectors have flagged a gas line problem in the existing kitchen. A decision on the trim is needed. Fr. Daly said decision was made to stain trim. Sixty inch round tables and 260 banquet chairs have been ordered. A coat rack will be installed in the Table and Chairs Room. Fr. Daly requested that a Dedication Committee be formed. The following individuals volunteered: Mark Drager, Carolyn Smithburger, Barbara Johnson, Larry Donnelly, Don Mueller and Fr. Daly. Landscaping – Fr. Daly will speak to a parishioner who is a Master Gardener regarding suggestions.
2. Prayer Chain - Al Perpuse talked to Jack McFadden regarding funeral notifications. Possible solutions are: (a) Phone notification – would be charged a fee for this service, (b) e-mail – problem with management of data base. Could use Church Management Software, and (c) Facebook – Church has a Facebook page. This would put responsibility on the individuals to monitor. Al will have further discussion with Jack. Fr. Daly, Al Perpuse and Missy Haskins will meet to discuss the prayer chain.
3. Food Pantry – Larry Donnelly reported that we have turned 25,000 lbs of food in 4 months and are now serving 70 families a week. Larry said someone has offered to fund the cost of the Dumb Waiter.

We plan on providing fresh produce during the summer months (20 to 25 lbs per family). Chris Wallmark suggested that at the Parish Picnic parishioners bring a few cans of food to donate.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Religious Education was presented by Al Perpuse (attached). The following items are noted: Pre-school – One of the nine accredited pre-schools in Calvert County, Income covers expenses, full capacity 2011-2012 year and for 2012-2013 morning classe(s) full and only a few vacancies in afternoon class. Issues –Waiting for a new shed (scouts will be building it this summer). CCD – 475 student registered year 2011-2112. Grades K to 5 meet on Sunday and Monday and grades 6-9 meet on Wednesday. Tuition covers K to 8 expenses. Confirmation expenses (approx. \$20K) is shared between families and parish. Issue: Need a laptop to use with portable projector.
2. Liturgy and Worship was represented by Maureen Cassidy (attached). The only issues addressed were: Ushers said poor boxes are not big enough on 1st Sunday's. Also need money bag labeled for Food Pantry. Musicians said more hymnals are needed. No input was received on Alter Servers and Eucharistic Ministers.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Fr. Daly said he needed 6 people for the Archdiocesan SYNOD (series of meetings over a 3 year period of time of priest and faithful to help the Archdiocesan review and improve the following areas: Worship, Education, Community, Service and Stewardship. The following Individuals volunteered for the SYNOD: Maureen Cassidy & Kathy Hogenson (Education), Missy Haskins (Worship), Miranda Jarnot (Service), Don Mueller (Community), and Al Perpuse (Stewardship).
2. Maria Queen requested that she be able to use the FLC gym for a Zumba-thon to raise money for an Avon walk she is participating in on May 4th & 5th. After a discussion on policy for use of gym, Fr. Daly said he had no objection if a date could be worked out. Al Perpuse made a motion that we agree on Maria's request and we will set a policy later if needed. Motion was seconded by Carolyn Smithburger and unanimously approved by the Pastoral Council.
3. Bill Prochownik discussed how contributions are down significantly (only at 65%). A budget was distributed to the Pastoral Council to review for the next meeting. Need to bring down utilities costs. Rocky requested that the Financial Council Minutes be posted on the SJV Website. Due to the privacy of some items discussed, Fr. Daly and Bill Prochownik did not feel this was a good idea. Bill Prochownik will give the Pastoral Council a review of the Financial Council's monthly meeting.
4. Don Mueller discussed the KAIROS Ministry that he and Darrell Ahne are participating in. They will need 200 dozen cookies for their next weekend on May 16-20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Fr. Daly said that he has asked Carlos Victoria to make the pedestal for the Festival Room to sit the St. John Vianney statue on.(right side). On the left side, in the archway will have a board to memorialize people who have died or have been baptized in the last year. Also, thinking of creating a table in the Foyer for brochures, etc.
2. Knights of Columbia will be collecting signatures needed to put the same sex marriage issue on the November ballot in Maryland. Signatures will be collected on April 28/29 and May 5/6. Flyer will be in bulletin this coming weekend.
3. Fr. Daly would like to keep an archive of bulletins, Pastoral and Financial Council minutes, Parish history, Parish registration records, etc. by year. Discussion on paper or electronic records or the use of both. Requested that we give some thought to this for next month's meeting.
4. Work Camp – Having a fundraiser at Bob Evans on April 19th. Will be washing cars every First Sunday with a bake sale.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business. Meeting adjourned at 9:55.