

St. Christopher's Parish Pastoral Council
July 6, 2010

Attendees: Fr. Jennings, Denise Miente, Jim Shafer, Larry Houck, Kate Tumulty, and Stan Turan

Jim Shafer called the meeting to order and offered the opening prayer

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as circulated.

Guest Comments-Stan Turan gave an overview of a financial proposal for the parish. Jim Shafer explained that the Finance Committee and Father Jennings considered these kinds of ideas. He asked Stan to e-mail the proposal to him and volunteered to bring it to Father Jennings attention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Liturgy –Larry Houck reported that the next liturgy meeting will be on 8/17.

New and existing altar servers attended a training on July 1. Deacon Robinson was the trainer.

Larry mentioned that the lector pool would be diminished by one as of July 10 when Alice Burch leaves the parish. He expressed gratitude for her volunteer services.

Vacationing lectors and E.M.'s have left shortages at some masses especially at the 9AM Mass.

Christian Formation –Mary Mann, our Director of Religious education, has retired and a new director is being recruited. The parish will give Mary a send off on July 25. Kate will send a card on behalf of the Council to express our thanks for her years of service to our parish.

Nearly 60 children attended Vacation Bible School. All enjoyed the experience.

Social Concerns –Denise Miente reported that we received \$1500 from Q.A. Emergency housing. This was fortuitous as many request for help with utility bills have been received. She has sent letters to fraternal organizations to solicit funds.

Denise reported that the food supplies in our pantry are stable and our volunteer pool is stable.

Family Life-Denise reported that the ice cream party to celebrate the end of CCD classes went well.

Katherine Gately has volunteered to coordinate the Fall Festival. There will be a meeting on 7/13 to discuss ideas for volunteer recruitment.

Father Jennings thanked Denise for planning a very successful new parishioner's welcome party. Denise reported that the Baby Shower effort was less successful than the Egg Tree, however we did collect items to donate to the Health Dept's home visiting program.

Publicity –No report

Building and Maintenance –Everything is looking great thanks to Joe Scharnus.

Nominating –Jim Shafer will accept nominations for Council vacancies and hold an election in September.

Suggestions-One suggestion was found in the suggestion box. The submitter suggested that St. Christopher’s hire teens to cater & serve parish sponsored events. It was pointed out that most of these events are fund raisers; many children volunteer their help to fulfill service hours required for confirmation or school and that some events already operate at a loss.

NEW BUSINESS

Jim Shafer volunteered to coordinate “Volunteer Sunday” which will be on the second Sunday in October, 10/10/10!

Father Jennings report-

Our existing mortgage is \$815,000. Despite vacations & holidays the Building Fund collections on the first Sunday have been stable.

Father Jennings expressed gratitude for the service Mary Mann gave to the parish as DRE. She will be replaced by Katie Lewis whose title will initially be Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE). She will be assisted by Lorraine Landerkin whose area of expertise is in IT.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with Fr. Jennings Offering the closing prayer.

The next Parish council meeting will be on 8/3/10.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Tumulty
Secretary of Parish Council