

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
April 23, 2007

Attendees:

Fr Chuck Latus	Marti Mauro	Bernadette Rall
Ann Tiberio	Maureen Morehouse	Drew Smith
Dottie DeLano	Claire Schum	Jim Sauer
Pat Vargas	Dick Wagner	Sister Katherine Ann

Excused:

John McDermott	Peter Charleton	Bill Burns
Tom Swovick	Betsy Swovick	Dan Hohl
Drew Desmarais		

Opening prayer: Marti Mauro

Stewardship (Tony Barbeau):

- Stewardship has been a part of our parish for 5+ years but we have concentrated mostly on Time and Talent. Now we will focus on all 3 (Time, Talent and Treasure)
- The plan is multi faceted. It will include the CMA (Catholic Ministries Appeal) since each campaign would require Mass time at a minimum of 3 weekends.
- The process will be annually and include a "Commitment Weekend". Commitment would include all of your giving whether here at St. Rita or elsewhere. It was suggested that the Liturgy committee be consulted about doing something special for the Masses.
- Other parishes in the area follow this approach (St. Catherine of Siena, St. Louis and St. Joseph). The number of signed forms started slowly but over time has increased (we must remember to always be positive about our results). All 3 parishes have made there CMA goals the last couple of years.
- We saw the brochure from St. Catherine of Siena to get an idea of what is to be sent to parishioners. In the Time section they had a line for time spent with God. We all agreed that this is a good item to have as it goes along with our parish vision statement.
- St. Catherine's did have an external consultant, at a cost of about \$25K, to help them. Our committee felt that if we planned it right we could do it ourselves (also the diocese is providing more information to the parishes).

- They are looking into making ACT (automatic contribution transfer) free of the service charge. We have a new envelope company that would send a small packet of special collection envelopes to those who use ACT.
- A tentative timeline was explained. The information is not included here until it is a little more formalized. It was noted that it should not be presented in August as many people are away on vacations
- It has been suggested that we need to update our website.

Bishops Hubbard's Letter -

- All sides of dialog have something to add to our Church.
- Our parish participates in activities with other churches in the Webster area
 - The choirs sing in interfaith prayer services
 - We are members of the Webster Council of Churches
 - Parishioners work at the monthly meal program for the needy
 - The pastors meet to discuss music and homilies and other pertinent topics
- Ecumenism = we understand our traditions and value them and so to share our faith with others
- There is a great hunger for spirituality in our country.
- Our diocese has a good working relationship with both the Islamic and Jewish communities
- FYI - Webster Penfield Connection (WIPIC) is the Catholic churches only

FOR NEXT MONTH: Read pages 10-11. We will discuss questions #14-316

Approval of Council Minutes - Marti Mauro: The minutes of the March 2007 meeting were approved with the correction that Tim Mason was emailed March 24th not April 24th

Round Table:

- Finance: They are working on the 2007- 2008 budget.
- Social Action Committee: There are no new meeting scheduled. The members are continuing with what has been previously planned
- Youth Group:
 - The last meeting of this year is April 29th and it's a moving up ceremony.
 - There is a WPIC joint youth mass scheduled for St. Paul's
 - There will be a Senior Send Off in July
- Fish Fry:

- Attendance was down this year.
- Profit was approximately \$2750
- Youth group members were the servers
- Suggestion Box:
 - Please post our mass schedule on the doors of the church
 - Is there a way to let daily mass goers that there is a funeral at the 9:15 Mass? Some people feel that if they attend mass they would be intruding on another family's private time
 - There is a concern about the talking in the church both before and after mass - this was in reference to the 5:00 pm mass
- Boy Scouts:
 - Both our Cub pack and Scout troops are growing
 - Troop 163 had 5 boys earn their Eagle Scout Award this year
 - In addition, there were other boys from the parish earned their Eagle Scout Awards through different troops
- Knights of Columbus: They are holding their annual Religious Appreciation Dinner on May 6th
- St. Rita Society:
 - May 8th is the evening with Mary. Mass is at 6:00 followed by dinner at Glendoveers on Browncroft Blvd
 - The profit from the roast pork dinner was \$838
 - The society made a donation of \$310 to Hope House
- Liturgy Committee:
 - Thanks for all their hard work in planning and executing the Holy Week liturgies
 - They are holding their meeting on April 24th

Father Chuck's Comments:

- 118 children will be making their 1st communion over the next 3 weekends
- The people from St. Clements of Rome were thrilled with the reception that was given to them this past weekend. Our collection was around \$1400
- There are 11 people going to down to help do more work in the are around St. Clements of Rome
- We have received an offer to purchase the parish land behind the soccer fields. At this point in time we will investigate our options.

Closing Prayer: Jim Sauer

Respectfully Submitted;
 Maureen Morehouse
 5/15/07