

ST. JOHN CHURCH PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

June 2, 2008

ATTENDEES: Fr. Raymond Borkowski; Uchenna Iloeje (Chairperson); Tom Butler (Vice Chairperson); Joanne Francis; Tony Gumkowski; Barbara O'Keefe; Joanne Golden; Mike Holcomb; Susan Sousa; Ralph Dawkins; LG Kelsey; Rosemary Matus; Jean Ryan; Dan Ryan; Melissa Lawler; Fr. Mitchell Sawicki

REGRETS: Jeanne Crandall

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Called in faith in Baptism, we, the members of the Parish family of St. John, Cromwell, unite in the celebration of the liturgy.

In joyful spirit, we give witness to our Roman Catholic faith through Perpetual Eucharist Adoration and through sharing in Christ's mission by proclaiming His word, building His community, and serving His people.

By working together we strive to make the presence and love of Jesus Christ known and felt by all.

GENERAL

1. Meeting started at 7:00pm with opening prayer led by Fr. Raymond
2. Announcements: There is a change of venue for the Fall 2008 retreat for returning and new members of the Parish Pastoral Council. This will be discussed later in the meeting.
3. Old Business: Approve minutes of last meeting: Motion moved to approve minutes as amended from the January meeting. Motion approved. Motion moved to approve minutes as amended from the March meeting. Motion approved.
4. Old Business
 - 4.1. Pastoral council nominating committee update: The committee met and has a list of approximately 25 names to be submitted for review.
 - 4.2. Teen member replacement amending the pastoral council guidelines: Our Chairperson has agreed to re-write the guidelines on replacing our teen member to the pastoral council.
 - 4.3. Any feedback on the plans for the women's group: Rosemary Matus will contact Fr. Raymond to retrieve documentation on Women's groups which were active in the past.
 - 4.4. Parish auction post mortem: The auction was once again a great success. The 2009 St. John Church Auction will be held March 29, 2009. Committee members are in place but anyone is welcome to join.
5. New Business
 - 5.1. Day of reflection 2008 planning and location update: Sacred Heart on the Lake in Higganum - Saturday September 6, 2008 from 10 AM to 3:30 PM followed by Mass and installation of new members at 5 PM Mass in Church with photo taking of all members in the 2008- 2009 Pastoral Council.
 - 5.2. Annual Lenten Event: A committee was established to coordinate a Lenten Event for next year. The members are Uche Iloeje ; Joanne Golden and Rosemary Matus.
6. Ministry liaison updates
 - 6.1 Non denominational Bereavement Group: A memorial ceremony is being discussed for the group.
 - 6.2 Lectors: It was discussed whether children should be allowed to perform some of the lector duties. Fr. Raymond stated that because this is a ministry; the child should be Confirmed to be considered for this ministry.
 - 6.3 Adoration: 12:00am to 6:00am continues to be the most difficult slots to find people to commit. There are 9 hours during this time that are not committed to and the most difficult day of the week is Friday.
 - 6.4 Ushers: A draft of the handbook is with Fr. Raymond for review.
 - 6.5 Scholarship: The committee selected two students to receive the St. John Church Scholarship. This year's scholarships were awarded in memory of Bishop Hart.

- 6.6 Contemporary Choir: Cantors are currently singing in place of the choir. A suggestion was made to have the Life Teen Band play at the 9:30 mass and it's to be discussed further.
- 6.7 Baptism: A survey will go out to families currently receiving the mailings from this program to see how valuable the mailings are to the families.
- 6.8 Youth Groups:
 - 6.8.1 Stuebenville East Trip: Approximately 20 youths will be attending this trip.
 - 6.8.2 A trip to St Mary's Above Rock, Jamaica is scheduled in January 2009 for 12 youths to do outreach work at St. Mary's Above Rock Mission to help the very poor in this area.
- 6.9 Traditional Choir: The choir has not had any new members in over two years.
- 6.10 Rosary Group: A group regularly comes together every morning.
7. Pastor's Report:
 - 7.1. The Knights of Columbus of Cromwell Chapter #6 will be celebrating their 125th anniversary. This organization has been very supportive to St John Church and has made significant contributions to our church and community.
 - 7.2. Air conditioning is being added to the cry room to make families more comfortable; lights were added to the back parking lot and the church bells were recently repaired. The council brainstormed on other projects to be done at the church and how to finance these projects.
 - 7.3. The council recognized the outgoing members for this year. Their contributions were great as well as their true devotion to St John Church and our catholic faith. The outgoing members are: Jeanne Crandall; Ralph Dawkins; Rosemary Matus; Joanne Golden; and L.G. Kelsey.
8. Closing prayer (Chairperson)
9. Refreshment in honor of the departing council members