

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting March 14, 2006

The St. Benignus Parish Pastoral Council met March 14, 2006 preceded by Mass. Those attending included members Kristy Bruckner, Sue Smith, Eric Givens, Linda Weldon, Bob Everhart, Jim Merkowitz, Kelly McManus, Gene Kropfelder and Kristy Bockrath. Also present were Fr. Frank, Alanna Kingsolver and Gary Schlupe.

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for approval. Nancy Williams to present the January minutes at the meeting in May.

Gary Schlupe presented Council with samples and costs of samples to replace the old stained glass windows. He explained how the old windows would need cleaned and frames would need made and painted on each side. He continued with his concern about how fragile the old windows are and suggested that we find an alternative idea. He was given a brochure from Fr. Frank on a possible vendor for new stained glass windows that would fit over the new clear windows. Gary was asked by Council to order 2 windows for the Council and the parish to evaluate and weigh the options.

Bob Everhart had no report on Buildings and Grounds.

Katie Paugh was not present for a report, but Kristy Bockrath reported that we would have 4 Communicants and 8 graduates this Spring. There are also 24 parishioners that will receive their Confirmation. Fr. Frank included that we were to have 8 adults baptized at the Easter Vigil with 2 more also coming into the church.

Kristy Bockrath reported for Worship that she had not spoken to Ann Campbell to play the organ for our Masses. She commented that the organ needed cleaned and the pedals needed repaired. Kristy was asked to check into the cost for repair and cleaning.

Gene reported for Christian Service by advising Council that St. Benignus would host the Christian Women's Prayer Breakfast that will be held on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Gene and helpers will make and serve the breakfast. Fr. Frank will be the guest speaker. Fr. Frank commented that he would like to have at least 50 women attend, as all women are invited. Gene also commented that he just joined the Knights of Columbus in Hillsboro and would like to get a group from St. Benignus started. He has arranged a meeting on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 for those interested. Guests from the Knights of Columbus are coming to speak. Gene will also help oversee the fellowship needed for the RCIA group after the Easter Vigil Mass. He and Kelly McManus will coordinate this effort.

Linda reported that the Ladies Auxiliary Night Out was low in attendance, but was enjoyed by all present. The Religious Goods Sales profited over \$1000. The Spring Rummage sale is slated for April 1<sup>st</sup>. Parishioners may start bringing their goods to the breezeway. The Ladies will also host the Meatless Meal on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Fr. Frank commented that serving meat at this meal was approved by the Bishop.

Eric had no report on the parish finances, but Fr. Frank commented that we had \$13,000 in the checking account and that weekly collections were steady, but not as high as hoped.

Fr. Frank reported that he would be attending the next Deanery Meeting that is to be held on

April 5<sup>th</sup>. Fr. asked Council to talk up the Stations on Friday nights and encourage all to attend. He pointed out that attendance has been low. Anita O'Connor will lead the Stations on March 24<sup>th</sup> and Kristy Bockrath will lead them on April 7<sup>th</sup>. He has also scheduled the Penance Service to be held on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>.

Kristy Bruckner asked Council if they would like to discuss the old business of our upcoming 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and Council unanimously asked to table the discussion until the May meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting was set for May 9, 2006.

The meeting ended in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Smith  
Secretary