

St. Mary's Pastoral Council Minutes
St. Mary's Parish Center
February 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Juanita Cushing

OPENING PRAYER: Chrissy Kessler

PRESENT: Father Hummer, Juanita Cushing, Kristen Dodd, Pat Reed, Ron Zedalis, Mike Lanning, Chrissy Kessler, Pat Laughlin, Fritz Schafer, Laura Corcoran, Karen Leeth, Kathy Senff, Mary Greeno.

EXCUSED: Brian Jenkins, Mike Hirsch, Dick Ginther, Wendy Arth, Mike Haller

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: Joan D'Antoni

SPIRITUAL READING: Chrissy Kessler read Mathew 6 verses 25-34. Discussion followed.

READING OF THE RULE OF THE PASTORAL CONSTITUTION: Pat Reed read Article IX.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: Minutes approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

EDUCATION: Catholic School week went well.

YOUTH REPORT: February 21 – tubing & Jesus Jams. We will leave at approximately 9:00 a.m. from St. Peter's parking lot. The cost is \$25.00 for 3 hours of tubing. Please RSVP by February 17 to Jenny French. Youth Conference at Franciscan University in Steubenville - June 18-20. This is open to incoming freshmen to Graduating Seniors. Contact St. Peter's if you are interested.

FAMILY LIFE: The Family Life Committee held their annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon on January 20th. It was another great success. The theme this year was celebrating women. This year we presented Judy Benson with the Woman of the Year award. We thank her for all of her years of dedication to St. Mary's, her family and our community. Thanks to all who attended and look forward to our gathering next year. Please plan on joining us as we host another Coffee & Donuts on Sunday, February 14th. Coffee and Donuts are served after each of the Mass times. Please come over with your family and friends and spend just a few minutes with us. Our annual Father/Son Breakfast will be held on Saturday February 20th at 9:00 a.m. in the Family Life Center. If you would like to help with this or any event throughout the year, please contact Karen Leeth at 775-6020 or by email leethfamily@roadrunner.com. We would love for you to share your time and talents with us. The Lazarus Committee served a luncheon for around 100 family and friends of Raymond A. Goode.

SOCIAL CONCERNS: Report for January 2010. Visits 107, disbursements \$2,572.98, food \$1,045.00, utilities \$1,033.50, rent \$240.00, transportation \$105.00, medical \$47.48, Other \$102.00 for total disbursements of \$2,572.98. Correction for 2009 year end report – disbursements \$35,104.41, visits 1,492.

DEANERY REPORT: The Chillicothe Deanery met on January 17th. Reports were given by the following parishes – St. Mary's Chillicothe, St. Peter's, Chillicothe, Holy Trinity, Jackson, St. Mary of the Missions, Waverly, St. Joseph, Circleville, St. Cloman of Cloyne, WCH, St. Peter and Paul, Wellston, St. Sylvester, Zaleski. Nancy Plescia explained the change in the Diocesan Pastoral Council's method of reporting from our

Deanery. She shared that the Zanesville and Perry County deaneries have been combined and that Chillicothe was now Deanery 12.

She asked if there were any questions for Bishop Campbell. Three surfaced - When are we getting a report on the Parish Self Study? Why are we called the "Chillicothe Deanery" when we represent a much wider area of central Ohio? Is there an email directory/distributor's list for the Diocesan/Deanery? During the course of the meeting, there was some discussion on the lack of altar servers in many parishes. Preparing adults for that ministry was suggested. The possibility of an occasional speaker at our Deanery meeting was suggested. Next meeting will be March 21 at 1:30 at St. Mary's, Chillicothe

FINANCE: The Committee reviewed the current financials and it was noted that we are ahead of budget in Offertory, and below budget in utilities. Mike Haller reported that he spoke with John Freytag and John will be reviewing where his company is in the process and will contact Mike within 2-3 weeks to share their progress. Mike informed Mr Freytag that the Committee is ready to move forward with the analysis and presentation of findings. He also reported that the Diocese of Columbus send a company in to photograph and analyze the conditions of our stained glass windows. The service is provided free of charge. A summary of their findings, photos, and if necessary, an estimate for repairs will be provided by the company. Mike reported that the clarification that the Council had requested on the Parish contributions to the Adena Health Foundation was received. The Council discussed the situation in Haiti and second collections through Easter. The Council discussed a request from Habitat for Humanity to sponsor a portion of the construction of a new home that will hopefully be built with funds raised from the Covenant Churches. The Committee agreed to give a onetime grant of \$3000 from Nolan Funds because this would be in line with Mr. Nolan's wishes. As a covenant church, we currently give \$3000 per year from our Parish Charities Account.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion of the Diocesan changes in the Gloria.

SECRET COLLECTION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CLOSING PRAYER: Chrissy Kessler

The next Pastoral Council meeting is scheduled for March 3, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Evanoff
Recording Secretary