

University Parish of Christ Sun of Justice
Pastoral Council Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2003

Present: Robin Chin, Sue Gutmann, Andrew Hill, Margaret Leathem, Vivien McNaughton, Rosanne Rose, Leah Smith, Rendell Torres, Martha Walsh, Bill Webster, Mary Martin

Absent: Nick Hernandez, Fr. Ed Kacerguis (on sabbatical)

Faith Formation

The meeting began with silent prayer

Parish Life Report

Lent:

The Holy Thursday Agape will begin at 6:30 pm and the Easter Vigil will begin at 9 pm this year because of scheduling considerations.

We still need a coordinator for Lenten Wednesdays.

We are currently interviewing for the Secretarial position that will be vacant when Peg leaves. The position will be filled by March 1st so that the new person can be trained by Peg.

Committees

Liturgy Committee

We haven't heard anything from the Liturgy Committee.

Social Concerns Committee

A meeting will be held on February 19th with Bernice Germa to talk about Ethiopia. Her husband is on the faculty of the Management School. We want to see how the Parish can help. We may be able to "Twin" with another parish. We could help a specific village or area. We will put our suggestions in the bulletin.

The semi-monthly collection for food and money for Bethany and Unity Houses is better coordinated. A procedure is being developed for collecting the money. Every other month, we will publish in the bulletin

what has been collected. For the 2 collections in January we raised \$1,500.00. Joseph's House will be discussed on the 19th.

Judy Kapila is still collecting books.

Church Administration

Rendell is looking forward to working on the Church Administration committee. Eric wants to meet with Margaret before he has his first meeting.

Hospitality

Fran Hyde is will to chair the Committee. We need to have representatives of the Pastoral Council on the committee. Margaret said she would be interested. Nick will be asked if he can also serve.

Faith Formation Committee

The Faith Formation Committee met and looked at 6 areas of Faith Formation to determine what areas the Parish was strongest and weakest in. The focus is to discuss Faith Formation for Adults. If Adults lead, the children will follow. This is not a proposal to destroy anything else that the Parish is doing.

Faith Formation is used in the broadest sense. It includes education on the Liturgy as an activity not just an intellectual act. Faith Formation is social action. As time goes on we will find many overlaps in committees. They will need to talk to one another.

Vivien was asked to chair the committee while Margaret is Spiritual Life Director.

Bylaws

In response to Nick's concern, Canons 511 through 514 appear to apply to a Diocesan Pastoral Council. Canon 536 applies to Parishes and demonstrates where the authority comes from. The Bylaws have been changed to reflect this.

Members present at the meeting signed the bylaws.

Officers

The Officers selected were:

Bill Webster – Chair
Andrew Hill – Vice-Chair
Rosanne Rose – Secretary

Terms of Service

Members of the council were asked if they had any preferences on their term of service on the Council. Members selected the following terms:

Two Year Terms	Three Year Terms	Four Year Terms
Sue Gutmann	Rendell Torres	Bill Webster
Vivien McNaughton	Leah Smith	Rosanne Rose
Martha Walsh	Andrew Hill	
	Robin Chin	

Nick Hernandez will be asked if he would be willing to serve on the Council for four years.

Bulletin Announcements

Rosanne was asked to place advanced notice of regular meetings in the bulletin and to let people know that they can attend meetings as observers. We will also entertain issues, submitted in writing, prior to the meeting. In addition to the meeting minutes, Rosanne was also asked to submit the bylaws for publication on the Internet.

Diocese

At the Regional Pastoral Planning Meeting, Sister Kathleen Turley spoke about looking at Pastoral Planning as a Diocese. The Diocese has indicated that we're supposed to come up with a three year plan.

The staffing crunch will continue. Next year there will be 31 priests retiring. We don't know how that will play for us. Not all parishes will have a resident priest. The question is how will parishes sustain themselves. They are asking that we do a head count at the weekend Masses beginning in the Fall. This may free Father Ed to say a Mass somewhere else. Another question is how many Masses will a Priest be called upon to lead. Hopefully no more than five.

Community

The statement in the bylaws to nurture the social life of the community was discussed. Organizing events, getting people involved, greeting people etc. were discussed. Rendell

discussed his experience in visiting another church. He felt very welcome. We Catholics have become a little complacent. We can offer the same welcome environment. We are capable of the same amount of thoughtfulness. We can offer the depth and richness of our faith. This is the challenge. These are the things that we should be identifying. Liturgy, Hospitality, and Faith Formation all have a piece of the action. This need can be addressed from all different directions.

It is the responsibility of the ordained to guide and to order the faith community. The organizing principle resides with them.