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Social Concerns Commission – Sister Toni would like to create an emergency fund to provide financial assistance to people with an urgent need who do not qualify for other assistive programs. A question was raised as to whether the collection from Ash Wednesday services could be put toward that fund. Screening would occur and attempts would be made to direct the requestor(s) to programs already in place but, when none of those options are available and there is a true need, Pastoral staff wish to have the ability to provide help. Situations encountered by the St. Vincent de Paul Society were shared and will be taken under advisement. **At the conclusion of the discussion, the council supported creation of an emergency fund using the Ash Wednesday collection monies.** Other topics reviewed by the council included the idea of bringing in speakers and planning programs for parishioners, and distribution of Christmas flowers to parish members who are homebound or in nursing homes.

Stewardship Commission – Marty Kyles noted the Stewardship Commission had two meetings since the last Pastoral Council meeting. The commission is attempting to put together a list from each parish of resources that could be used by all of the parishes. Pastoral Council members were requested to ask their groups if they have any items to include on this list and to share that information with Marty as well as any rules or guidelines for using the item(s). Father Don suggested the Stewardship Commission instead send a letter to each parish group with this question, instructing the groups to include the guidelines for use in their written responses back to the Stewardship Commission with the list of items they are willing to share. Discussion also occurred regarding the “Advancing the Mission” campaign and preparing for a Ministry Fair to be held in the spring.

Worship Commission – Jerry Krausert reported the Worship Commission discussed preparations for Advent and Christmas services. This year’s Advent Outreach project will focus on Golden House and the NEW Community Center. Wish lists were requested from both organizations. The Women’s Club agreed to decorate the trees in the church for Christmas; Father Don will provide the Women’s Club members with direction as to the Worship Commission’s concepts for the Advent and Christmas services. A “Snack and Sing” event is planned for December 7th at Annunciation Parish and all parishioners are invited to participate in singing Christmas carols and sharing in holiday cheer..

SCHOOL
ACCREDITATION
QUESTIONNAIRE:

One of the sections of the accreditation application requires feedback from each of the parish councils relative to the parish’s mission statement and responses to two questions. The council completed this questionnaire. (Reference Attachment #1 following these minutes.)

DECEMBER
COUNCIL MEETING:

Due to the many events scheduled during the Christmas season, the Pastoral Council agreed to cancel its December meeting.

LITURGY
COORDINATOR:

In follow-up to last month’s discussion, Father Don reported Sister Clarita Posey was offered the position of part-time Liturgy Coordinator. Her anticipated start date is December 4th.

ADVANCING THE
MISSION:

Father Don informed the council a representative from the consulting firm retained by the diocese to coordinate the “Advancing the Mission” campaign will be meeting with him tomorrow to discuss options for introducing the campaign to all three parishes. Father Don commented the structure of the program has been changed slightly since it was initially introduced as a pilot project. The primary focuses are now on strengthening parish vitality and stewardship; the financial aspect of the campaign is the final consideration.

FAITH ALIVE:

A final recommendation on the Faith Alive proposal was sent to Bishop Zubick; a decision is anticipated in mid-December. Concerns were expressed as to how this program would affect

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school enrollments if the proposal is enacted, noting tuition would probably go up. Father Don indicated Faith Alive is intended to include needs-based assistance but actual application remains to be seen.

ST. PATRICK PARISH
LINKAGE:

Monsignor Coleman will be retiring in the upcoming year. Council members should anticipate being called upon to assist with planning for transitions involved with this change.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Council members brought up several issues at the end of the meeting; the discussion is briefly summarized below:

- A question was raised as to the status of the Mendikow estate and it was clarified Trinity St. Joseph School does receive money from this fund every year.
- St. Jude Parish was remembered in an estate and received approximately \$5000.
- The procedures for handling collection monies was addressed; no changes will be made to this process.
- Several scouts are looking for projects to achieve Eagle Scout status; these boys can contact Father Don and he will offer some ideas on activities they might pursue that would also benefit the parishes.
- The realtor recruited to help with leasing the school space determined he will not be able to assist St. Jude Parish. However, another private school has since placed an inquiry regarding use of this building.
- Carol Kittell is working on a resource list to include parishioners with specific skills; notices will be placed in the bulletin asking professionals such as electricians, plumbers, realtors, etc. to provide their names and contact information if they would like to be included on this list.
- Since Father Don has not been able to connect with him, Rod Klingbeil agreed to follow up with the parishioner who specializes in website design to discuss preparing a website for St. Jude Parish.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Recorder:

Beth Markon

ATTACHMENT # 1

GUIDELINE 1.2

The philosophy/mission statement shall be consistent with the thoughts and beliefs of the governing body, institution, or church with which it is affiliated.

SELF-STUDY QUESTIONS:

- A. Attach a copy of the Parish mission statement.**

ST. JUDE MISSION STATEMENT –

The congregation of St. Jude is a Catholic community united in the love of Christ and strengthened by the Holy Spirit to reflect the teachings of the Gospel. We seek to have all members celebrate the liturgy, share their gifts and blessings, and live the gospel by providing human service and spiritual care for others. We commit ourselves to provide lifelong opportunities for education and spiritual growth for our members.

- B. What is the role of the school in the parish or area community?**

The role of the school is to serve our youth and provide a foundation of faith for our children. The school is the best way we have of educating our children with a sense of Christian values, not just in their faith, but in their whole life. The students are the future leaders of our parish. In our community, the school sets an example of Christian moral values and the students become role models of how to make the right choices, models of lived faith. The school presents a structured program which is the common thread between our students who come from diverse backgrounds.

- C. How is the parish or area consolidation committed to this role?**

The parish provides financial support and significant resources to achieve this mission. A significant amount of spiritual time is given to the students, such as the regular contacts with our pastoral team, and our parishes hold the school and the commitment of staff up as a priority in our communities.