

**ST. MARK PASTORAL COUNCIL**  
**Minutes from meeting May 26, 2009**

Attending: Fr. Jim Sichko, Greg Gaerke, Ben Massaro, Linda Clark, Nicole Stuart, Jim Swartz, Beth Grant, Larry Hoffman

The May 26, 2009 meeting of the St. Mark Pastoral Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

**Faith Sharing**

The Scripture for Sunday was from John 20:19-23. Pentecost, the Holy Spirit descends upon the apostles. How did I feel at my own Confirmation? What did I expect?

**Review/Approval Minutes**

The minutes from the April meeting were reviewed, amended and approved.

**Introduction of Guest**

Angie Browning from Catholic Daughters of America was our guest. She gave a brief history of CDA, a national organization for Catholic women that is 100 years old. Our local organization, the first one in Kentucky, was formed three years ago.

With 40 members, the CDA has had among their activities; a book discussion, a retreat at Cliff View attended by 30 women, only half of whom were CDA members; leading recitation of the Rosary before the 8:30 mass each Sunday; participation in the 12 Grand Event; the Christmas Bazaar; and the Nativity raffle each year.

Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, CDA tries to have a speaker at each meeting. Future goals include trying to contact other ministry groups in the county and find ways for CDA to help them; days of reflection; meals for families in need, and more involvement in our school. CDA is also beginning to branch out into Habitat for Humanity, and White Ribbon Against Pornography.

Enrollment in CDA has dropped recently. The retreat was a good recruitment opportunity. One of the struggles is that many women who would be interested in CDA work full time and have children in school and are unable to make time in the evening to come to meetings. Another challenge is for mothers with small children who are unable to find child care so they can attend.

Father thanked Angie for helping to move CDA forward and for her dedication to this organization.

**Review of Parish Goals**

Newsletter - Billy Simon will be meeting the second week in June with several parishioners to begin planning and survey talent for the quarterly Newsletter. The goal is to have the first issue ready the first week of Advent. Among those he will be meeting with are Pat Kerns, Linda Maxwell, Dianne Turner, Brian Walsh, and Carol Kinelski.

Adult Faith Formation - Linda Clark met with the Adhoc committee and the names of possible "kick off" speakers have been submitted to Father Sichko and will meet with the

Adhoc committee in June. The Advent mission may be held the first week of Advent. However, the committee also suggested the possibility of having a Lenten mission.

Communications – Nicole Stuart noted that we experienced the need for a good disaster communication plan through the recent Tornado. Next steps will include speaking with Jim Bennett about Hispanic needs and involvement; also, setting up the first two weekends in September for getting cell phone numbers from parishioners.

### **Pastor's Update**

To be discussed at our next meeting:

- Blue Mass
- First Communion
- School 29<sup>th</sup>

### **Parish Life**

To be discussed at our next meeting:

- Installation of new officers
- 12 Grand Event / Lions Share
- Advent 2009
- Lent 2010

### **Closing Prayer**

- Closing prayer was led by Billy Simon.

Pastoral Council adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Note: The minutes for the Pastoral Council meetings are read and approved a month after the meeting for which they are written,