



Pastors Advisory Council  
May 6, 2009

The PAC meeting on May 6, 2009 was called to order by Jim Polk at 7:30 PM. Msgr. Pennington began the meeting with a prayer, followed by a reading of Luke 24:24-49 by Dan Redmond. The group shared reflections on the reading.

Representatives from the diversity committee came to promote the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Pentecost Mass which will be celebrated on May 31<sup>st</sup> at the noon mass with a reception following in the Kennedy room. They were asking that 1 member from each ministry (more if possible) attend the mass. PAC was asked to contact their ministry liaisons and request their presence. PAC was also encouraged to attend this event and to wear your name tags also.

Msgr. Pennington brought to the attention of all present on how the Diocese is trying to make Catholic schools more accessible and affordable across the entire Diocese. In an effort to support families with tuition assistance rather than putting money into the schools, the ADW is considering increasing the assessment on parishes to support parochial schools. The increase for the parishes supporting their own schools will be on the order of 2% while the increase for those parishes without schools will be higher.

There are new families coming to our church, which is a good thing, and welcome packs for these new families are coming. A company is preparing them and they are free to the parish, but the company gets the sponsorship on the back page of the brochure. We need to prepare our information and make sure it is up to date and forward this information to the company.

A motion was made by Noelyne Alonza to approve the minutes as they are written and this was seconded by Liz Mescher. Once the minutes are approved they get sent to post on the parish website under PAC.

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on May 12<sup>th</sup> in the school auditorium. A draft revision of the Pastoral Plan was distributed to all present. After a

discussion, Charlie Hathway will make a revision regarding the Financial Stability goal 3C, he will then forward to Jim, Cathy, Rick and Monsignor. It was requested that everyone read and send changes/suggestions to Jim, Cathy and Monsignor.

The parish survey was distributed by Denise Culkin to all present. This survey is on the parish website and hard copies are in the mail. They are hoping for returns by May 12 and people could also return them at the Town Meeting. Once collected they will be compiled and put on the school e-bulletin for all to review. Monica Bradford assisted with 'survey monkey' and Cathy, Noelyne and Denise to assist with compilation of the survey.

During the weekly Lenten speakers, there was 50-60 in attendance each week. 120 attended the Seder Supper. Cost for the weekly rice meal averaged about \$200 and the Seder Supper brought in \$700 of which \$400 went to social concerns to assist with our food pantry. Different groups assisted with each event. Many commented how fantastic the food was for the Seder Supper and a special thank you went to Dan Redmond.

Liturgy committee re-structuring and Dan distributed a new Liturgy Committee Charter to all present. At this point a chairperson will need to be selected. Please read carefully the 4 pages and forward any comments to Dan and Monsignor. They would like your responses by May 18<sup>th</sup> ...what do you see as the 'burning' issues? The core committee of the Liturgy Committee will begin working during June, July and August to get things ready for the fall. The goal is to get a 'paid' liturgy director.

The Archdiocese of Washington survey was distributed to all in attendance. Please take time to read our parishes statistics.

Due to inclement weather the Golf Tournament has been re-scheduled to June 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Healthy Lifestyle Challenge is fast approaching. On May 16<sup>th</sup> we will have our 1<sup>st</sup> annual run/walk course. At this time there are 60 people already signed up for the event. With both sponsorship and registrations the challenge is running in the black financially.

Ann Versteeg reported that the Ministry POC Booklet is almost complete with a goal of completing by Pentecost. Having issues with "Freedom of Information!"

The Town Hall Meeting will focus on the Pastoral Plan Revision. Would appreciate that PAC members are in attendance. Please wear your name tags.

Rick Maurano reported that the parish has been paying all their bills and that the offertory program is working. We even have some money in the bank.

Bill Mulholland reported that the offertory collection is up 12% from 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of calendar. Collecting about \$70,000 per month in collections! Faith Direct is climbing and everyone has maintained their giving. Report cards will be sent to all and this is not a bill, but rather a statement of where they stand with their commitment. Questions came up as to whether this could be done electronically by putting a link on our website. Enroll on line!!

PAC elections have been completed and our new members are Chris Gillis, Noelyne Alzona and Ellen Cronin. Congratulations to each of them.

Jim invited everyone to a Memorial Day cookout at his home. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Not present: Chris Levintow, Dan Campion, Donald Wharton, Tom Kane, Sister Mary Ellen Malloy, and Ann Versteeg.

Next Meeting will be May 21 in the Kennedy Room at 7:30 PM. Installation of New Members and Officer Elections.

Msgr. Pennington said a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sister Maureen Schrimpe IHM*