

Staff Meeting Minutes
Holy Apostles Catholic Church
Colorado Springs, Colorado
June 11, 2008

Members present: Sam Gioia, Mary Parsons, Deacon Chuck Matzker, Pat Van Horn, Mary Superata, Fr. Paul Wicker, Deacon Mike Leverington and Fr. Joe Damhorst

Absent: Audrey Sujkowski and Mike McGrady

Maryanne Wright, recording

- I. The meeting was opened with a prayer and gospel readings for June 15, 2008. Reflections include: how there is a hunger for Christ's harvest in Colorado Springs.
- II. Fr. Kirk Slattery was welcomed.
- III. Review modifications of last week's minutes: None.
- IV. Sam asked that the staff review the third day of the staff workshop at St. Francis. The idea of presenting the parishioners with a journal and have them relate their journey in faith to the journey of St. Paul was again presented. The initiatives of the church and the USCCB and the fact that this is the year of Paul will be woven into the various programs offered. Fr. Paul also mentioned that the Bishop's vision statement will be implemented in the parishes and that his deanery will be an active player in the unity and implementation of the vision. Bev Martin, who is the Evangelization coordinator for the diocese, has information on the Pauline Year. The concern is to help people understand Paul's conversion and Pope John Paul II's encyclical about the new millennium and how Paul's conversion is mirrored here. Fr. Joe also brought up the Epistles of Paul and even though they are covered in bible studies, very little is actually written about them. Deacon Chuck's ministry has many people who will be able to contribute to developing spirituality in the parish. Fr. Kirk also pointed out there is a continuous line of unity in the writings of Paul. Fr. Paul pointed out that the "Stand Alone" attitude of spirituality is not the most desirable. Mary Superata suggested that a RCIA model be used for the whole parish to guide them through the year. It was also suggested that the staff mission be placed in the conference room for reference. The question to ask: "Are we intentionally forming disciples?"
- V. Preschool (School of Parental Formation) – Mary Parsons.
 - A. Last Thursday all schools met as part of the Unified Schools of the Pikes Peak Region. Bill Lyon chaired the meeting. Michelle Maher was present.

- B. Mary brought up a startling statistic that Colorado has the highest level of poverty in the nation. This could be due to the presence of immigrants and military families.
- VI. Liturgical Ministries (School of Sacramental Life Celebrated) – No update this week. Audrey is attending a seminar at Loyola.
- VII. Formation Ministries (School of Faith Encountered) –Mary Superata.
 - A. VBS starts next week. There are 180 children signed up for this. The people in the parish have been generous in donating supplies. Any extra materials will go with the Youth and Fr. Joe to the reservation.
 - B. Mary is developing a Christian Formation catalog.
- VIII. Youth Ministries (School of Vocational Exploration)-Mike McGrady
 - A. The trip to the convent and the seminary went very well.
 - B. Spirit and Truth group will meet on Friday and Fr. Paul will celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.
 - C. The Youth are still trying to raise \$600 for the mission trip. They are holding a car wash after masses on Sunday. Mike will announce this at masses.
 - D. Fr. Joe's farewell is this Sunday. Food will be available after masses.
- IX. Outreach Ministries (School of Pastoral Care and Justice) – Pat Van Horn.
 - A. There are three funerals scheduled this week.
 - B. The Ukraine Bake Sale will be held on June.
- IX. Ordained Ministries –
 - C. Fr. Joe.
 1. The De Sales tapes for Bible Study have been discontinued. A new version will eventually be released. Fr. Joe will get the tapes from the diocese and make DVDs of the course.
 2. Fr. Joe expressed his gratitude and thanks to all. Fr. Paul said that we will miss Fr. Joe as he prepares for his new parish in Belize. Fr. Joe's last day at Holy Apostles is June 30th.
Deacon Mike Leverington. No update this week.
- XI. Charismatic Ministries (School of called and Renewed)-Deacon Chuck Matzker.
 - A. The Acts of the Apostles seminars were an unqualified success. Deacon Chuck had several positive comments. There were daily readings and prayers. A journal helped to keep the Holy Spirit in the life of the participants forever. At the end of the seminar, the participants were well prepared and ready to be confirmed. Learning through books and the experiences were combined effectively. Fr. Paul commented that Family Unity and domestic spirituality must be combined. All vocations come from the family. It is a challenge to get families to take responsibility for vocations and growth in the spirit.

- XII. Pastoral Administration (School of Stewardship) – Sam Gioia.
- a. The Apostles of Hope Ministry continues to develop.
 - b. The Newcomer Ministry is making calls to welcome all newcomers. They are also noting where the newcomers can and wish to be involved in the parish.
 - c. The Coffee Shop has posted their summer hours. Pat noted that the Coffee Shop was opened while the card making seminars were working to raise money for the Youth Mission Trip. Many people purchased coffee during this activity. This serves as a model for other activities and how the coffee ministry can effectively support other ministries.
 - d. The father/Son Rafting Trip will be held July 11-12.
 - e. The Eighth Grade Baccalaureate will no longer be held at Holy Apostles after several unfortunate incidents.
 - f. Sam attended the First Diocesan Pastoral council Meeting. He was impressed by a March for Life that is being organized by a ten year old boy. Sam has joined the Planning Committee.
 - g. On June 24th the Knights of Columbus has invited the staff to attend a tailgate party and a Sky Sox game.
 1. Administrative Items – Maryanne Wright
 - a. In mass baptisms were covered for the next six weeks. Baptisms can be held before, during or after masses as circumstances dictate.
 - b. Bulletin Board Requests/Requests for the Table.
 - i. Health Screening wants a room either August 19th or July 31st.
 - ii. Learning English classes wants to post on the bulletin board.
 - iii. St. Francis/Penrose wants a room to discuss Medical Power of attorney.
 - c. Facilities Usage Requests. None this week.
 - d. Commentator Requests.
 - i. Library Book sale on June 15th.
 - ii. Coffee and Doughnuts available after mass next week.
 - e. Bulletin Inserts.
 - i. Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Names
 - ii. Peter's Pence Letter from the Bishop.
- B. Pastor's issues- Fr. Paul:
1. Because of the elderly increase in the demographics, this parish will need a way to help transport the elderly who do not drive to church. Fr. Paul is getting a new car and is thinking of donating his present car to the parish to be used as a transport vehicle for those who need a ride to church. We will still need to check on insurance and regulations for this.
 2. Adoration will probably be move to Friday nights.

3. The Great American Bible Adventure course that will be co-sponsored by the deanery and the parishes, was discussed. The cost will be shared by the deanery, parishes and individuals. Mary Superata will do research to determine the cost.
4. Fr. Paul welcomed Fr. Kirk. Fr. Kirk will be taking on several challenges including Baptismal procedures and how to bring all parents into the body. Parental responsibilities will be one area of concern.

C. Meeting closed at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryanne Wright