

Staff Meeting Minutes
Holy Apostles Catholic Church
Colorado Springs, Colorado
June 25, 2008

Members present: Sam Gioia, Deacon Chuck Matzker, Audrey Sujkowski, Pat Van Horn, Fr. Paul Wicker, Deacon Mike Leverington and Fr. Kirk Slattery

Absent: Fr. Joe Damhorst, Mary Parsons, Mary Superata and Mike McGrady

Maryanne Wright, recording

- I. The meeting was opened with a prayer and gospel readings for June 29, 2008. Reflections include: being Catholic in a post-modern world. The struggle for the ordained and laity is to not lose the essentials of our faith while the church changes rituals and regulations. The movement to have Latin masses was also discussed. It was also noted that the early church had the same struggles and that grace was always given so that the church endured.
- II. Review modifications of last week's minutes: None.
- III. Preschool (School of Parental Formation) – Mary Parsons. No Update.
- IV. Liturgical Ministries (School of Sacramental Life Celebrated) Audrey attended a music seminar at Loyola. She said that it was very enlightening to associate with those that were scholars in the ancient rituals of Latin music. She felt that she learned much.
- V. Formation Ministries (School of Faith Encountered) –Mary Superata. No update this week.
- VI. Youth Ministries (School of Vocational Exploration)-Mike McGrady: No update this week.
- VII. Outreach Ministries (School of Pastoral Care and Justice) – Pat Van Horn.
 - A. The Ukraine Bake Sale was a success this past weekend.
 - B. IHN is in progress at this time. Chuck Rohrer and the Knights of Columbus have invited these individuals to the upcoming Sky Sox Game. Flora and Jane, the directors of IHN here at Holy Apostles, are doing a wonderful job.
- IX. Ordained Ministries –
 - A. Fr. Kirk.: Fr. Kirk is in the data-gathering phase with respect to reorganizing and planning the Baptismal Programs here at Holy Apostles. One of the goals of the program is to determine how to help the parents of the children to be baptized who are not practicing Catholics. Some of the parents are not married. Since the catholic faith is to be passed on and practiced by example, this aspect of the problem needs to be addressed.
 - B. Deacon Mike Leverington. Discussed how the father/Son Retreat is beneficial to fostering all kinds of Christian values and how, very

often, one event will enable other events to result in someone returning to the church or becoming more open to God's word. Mike has traveled all over the world and has enjoyed the liturgy in many different languages.

- XI. Charismatic Ministries (School of Called and Renewed)-Deacon Chuck Matzker.
 - A. The deacons are preaching this weekend and the next.
 - B. The Youth, who have participated in the Youth Mission Trip, will give testimony at the beginning of mass.
 - C. Chuck has noticed that among those who are attending the Praise service, there are people who have been away from the church. Those people feel comfortable and are considering coming back to the church.
 - D. Fr. Paul will speak on Intentional Discipleship this evening at the service. The whole parish will be the recipient of this program in the upcoming few months.

- XII. Pastoral Administration (School of Stewardship) – Sam Gioia.
 - a. The Apostles of Hope Ministry: no update this week.
 - b. The Newcomer Ministry: we have ordered greeter badges which should be here within 5 days. Some of the newcomer activities that are being considered are: calls to welcome them (this is presently being done), monthly dinners or lunches for the newcomers and the ministry is considering ways to integrate newcomers into 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 budget is still being worked on. We are still showing a shortfall. Fr. Paul injected that we are planning on commitment Sunday to be during the Easter season. The Bishop's campaign will be in January and will not change.
 - e. Running the nursery on Sundays costs \$31,000 annually. There was a discussion on how to let the parish know about expenses. The inclusion of a "Did you know" column in the bulletin was also discussed. What information to put in the column is the question.
 - f. Sam is giving a presentation on the Apostles of Hope to a parish in Loveland, Colorado. Forty people will be there.
 - g. The Parish Directory should be available in October. The deadline for getting the information to them is August 27th. No problems are foreseen to meet this goal. Guidebook publishing is the publisher. There will be two parts to the directory: an informational section about the parish and the actual directory. The information for the first part will come from our welcome packet.

- h. The ecumenical Good Works ministry is working with the Marian House. They are planning a conference for churches in the area to address poverty. Individuals who will speak at the conference were being considered: Bishop Hanifen, Steve Bigari or perhaps Jackie Jaramillo. Another program to be implemented is a mentoring program for the schools.
- i. Woodmen Valley Church has purchased a mobile kitchen. They will use this for their church activities and for a program to feed the homeless downtown.
- j. The possibility of including a "Help Wanted" column in the bulletin was discussed. This would enable volunteers to respond to needs as they are presented.
 - 1. Administrative Items – Maryanne Wright
 - a. In mass baptisms were covered for the next six weeks. Bulletin Board Requests/Requests for the Table.
 - i. An individual who knows sign language has asked to post on the bulletin a request for help. She is adopting a handicapped child.
 - b. Facilities Usage Requests. None this week.
 - c. Commentator Requests.
 - i. Healing Hands Conference announced.
 - ii. Coffee and Doughnuts available after mass.
 - d. Bulletin Inserts.
 - i. Mountain View Wesleyan Church Letter will be included as an insert.
 - ii. Healing Hands of God Conference Flyer.
- B. Pastor's issues- Fr. Paul:
 - 1. Because of the elderly increase in the demographics, we need to consider the addition of an elevator. This will be discussed more at a later time.
 - 2. Small Catholic Communities has asked about what programs they can be involved in here at the church.
 - 3. A future program to be considered is a program for post matrimony couples.
 - 4. Fr. Paul addressed the issue of noise in the office. We want to maintain a balance of hospitality and professionalism. Being considerate of others when they are on the phone and speaking with someone are two areas that were mentioned.
- C. Meeting closed at 11:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryanne Wright