

Staff Meeting Minutes
Holy Apostles Catholic Church
Colorado Springs, Colorado
March 5, 2008

Members present: Sam Gioia, Audrey Sujkowski, Mary Superata, Pat Van Horn, Mike McGrady, Mary Parsons, Fr. Paul Wicker, and Fr. Joe Damhorst

Absent: Deacon Mike Leverington and Deacon Chuck Matzker

Maryanne Wright, recording

- I. The meeting was opened with a prayer and gospel readings for March 9, 2008.
- II. Review modifications of last week's minutes: None.
- III. Preschool (School of Parental Formation) – Mary Parsons.
 - A. Mary has registered several students who are not of our faith. This is very encouraging and stresses the truly ecumenical nature of our school.
 - B. Mary is considering developing a badge for her teachers to wear. The volunteers would also wear a badge. This would allow those that are in the area to be readily identified.
 - C. Mary is hosting a Leadership Training Day for the Principals on April 8th.
 - D. Mary's "Card Board City" is up and running in the preschool area. This is a preschool project where card board boxes are decorated to look like a city.
 - E. Mary is getting ready to announce her job position vacancy. She is asking for a closing date of May 15th.
- IV. Liturgical Ministries (School of Sacramental Life Celebrated) –
 - A. Audrey. Audrey would like to keep the rosary liturgy on-going if possible. One of the ideas that she has for the October Rosaries is to use Marian Hymns from different ethnic groups. She would use different music and different ways to pray the rosary.
 - B. There is one more rehearsal before the Chrism Mass at the cathedral. Several people are participating.
 - C. Audrey is rehearsing with the youth for their Living Stations Presentation on March 14th.
 - D. Audrey is working with the different music groups to ensure cooperation.
- V. Formation Ministries (School of Faith Encountered) –Mary Superata.
 - A. Overall the Intergenerational Day was a success. Mary thanked her staff, Mike McGrady, Audrey and the Priests for their support. The Stations of the Cross went very well and the witness talks were very moving. Mary is considering other formats for future events. If only one "seating" is allowed, the afternoon could be use for events

to bring those Catholics back to the church who have not been active. Sam also interjected that the new ministry, the Newcomer's Ministry, wants to hold a monthly dinner. This dinner could correspond with Intergenerational Day. People could be invited to stay and have dinner. Fr. Paul and Fr. Joe discussed how the Intergenerational Day is a safe venue for people who have been away from the church to come and see the church without having to make a commitment at this time. Vacation Bible School and Totus Tuus are two other events that parents bring their children for participation and can be a way to connect with parents, who do not attend church on a regular basis.

- B. The Seder Meal for this year will include a Marian/feminine perspective this year. Mary will include Miriam's Cup, a new ritual for the Seder. Its purpose is to honor the role of Miriam the Prophetess in the Exodus and to highlight the contributions of women to Jewish culture, past and present. New rituals include the addition of "Miriam's cup," filled with water to symbolize Miriam's miraculous well. The well was given by God in honor of Miriam, the prophetess, and nurtured the Israelites throughout their journey in the desert.
 - C. Mary briefly discussed the movement to have a "year round" catechumenate for those already baptized. Fr. Joe said that there are some churches in the diocese that do have a year around program. Discussions will continue.
- VI. Youth Ministries (School of Vocational Exploration)-Mike McGrady.
- A. Mike commented how the Intergenerational Day was a model for good collaboration with the ministries.
 - B. Mike's programs are taking off and he has received several positive comments from the parents of the children in his programs.
 - C. The living Stations of the Cross will be presented by the youth on March 14th.
 - D. For the Good Friday Liturgy, Mike's youth groups will conduct a Stations of the Cross Procession around the neighborhood about 5 pm on March 21st. The cross that will be used for Veneration will be carried around the area of the church while the Stations of the Cross are recited. The Good Friday Services will then start at 7 pm.
 - E. Mike passed out a schedule of events for the Middle School lock-in to be held this weekend.
 - F. Girl Scout Sunday is March 9th and three scouts will receive the Marian Medal. The Medal will be presented at the beginning of the 9:30 am Mass.
 - G. Life Teen Youth group will study how one can see the image of Christ in one's self.
- VII. Outreach Ministries (School of Pastoral Care and Justice) – Pat Van Horn.

- A. Outreach activities are continuing. Pat's ministries are continuing to take care of the Poor and those in need of spiritual support as well as physical support.
 - B. Pat is working with Mike and Cindy, the VBS coordinator, to see how Outreach can contribute to the Youth mission to the Indian Reservation in June.
 - C. Discussions as to how SHARE will be conducted within our parish and with other churches in the area are continuing.
- VIII. Ordained Ministries – Fr. Joe.
- A. The New Testament series has begun. This week's class only had 8 participants.
 - B. Fr. Joe will offer speak at the Social Justice presentation on Forming Conscience and will use material authored by Fr. Paul. This is the last of the series.
 - C. Peg Maloney at Regis University is publicizing an Ignatian Spirituality course in Colorado Springs. The course starts March 18th and will be offered for 5 weeks.
- IX. Pastoral Administration (School of Stewardship) – Sam Gioia.
- A. The website has been redesigned so that Sam and Mike can add or delete items. The on-line donation center is up and running on the web.
 - B. Sam showed the staff a prototype of the Easter postcard which will be mailed to parishioners. Sam asked for input and modifications from the staff.
 - C. Sam presented the new logo to the staff for the Coffee Shop. Aprons have been made and a handout will be included in this week's bulletin. The coffee shop should be up and running by next week. Free coffee will be given on Easter.
 - 1. Administrative Items – Maryanne Wright
 - a. There are no baptisms scheduled during mass throughout the Lenten season. We have two baptisms scheduled during mass. The first baptism is on April 6, 2008 and the second on April 13 at the 12 pm mass.
 - b. Bulletin Board Requests. None
 - c. Facilities Usage Requests.
 - i. Men's Breakfast will pass around handouts.
 - ii. St Joseph's Day table tickets approved.
 - d. Commentator Requests.
 - i. Social Justice Presentation announced.
 - ii. St. Joseph Day Table tickets approved.
 - iii. Men's breakfast on March 15th announced.
 - iv. Girl Scout Sunday is March 9th.
 - v. Youth will speak and show the Youth Ministry shirts.
 - e. Bulletin Inserts.
 - i. Passover Seder meal

- ii. Living Stations of the Cross.
 - iii. Coffee Shop.
 - iv. St. Joseph Day Dinner.
 - v. Fr. Paul's Walk-in Reconciliation schedule.
 - f. The Bannoura Family has requested a date in April to sell olivewood.
- X. Pastor's issues- Fr. Paul.
 - A. Would like to schedule quarterly meetings with the staff. Maryanne will schedule.
 - B. Fr. Paul would like bi-monthly Updates given to the parish on the new ministries that are being commissioned: the Good Works, the Newcomers, Coffee Shop and the Apostles of Hope Ministries. The bulletin or an insert will probably be the vehicle for this effort.
 - C. We will start to look for a site for the next staff workshop in June. Audrey suggested that July dates be also considered. Maryanne will do research and suggest some venues.
 - D. The initial meetings for the Not in My House Program will be March 6th. Fr. Paul has a list of two couples and Mike McGrady who will be invited to attend.
 - E. Fr. Paul is still meeting with individuals from the Nazarene College discussing faith issues.
 - F. Fr. Paul has several books for the library. A discussion followed on how we can display books to the anticipated patrons of the coffee shop. We want to make people want to pick up books for reading.
 - G. There is a meeting at the diocese next week with the Director of the Evangelization Program at the diocese.
 - H. The Presbyterian Church downtown is having a Living Last Supper presentation for Lent. The posters will be placed on our bulletin boards.
- XI. Meeting closed at 1110.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryanne Wright