

Staff Meeting Minutes  
Holy Apostles Catholic Church  
Colorado Springs, Colorado  
March 26, 2008

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

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

Maryanne Wright, recording

- I. The meeting was opened with a prayer and gospel readings for March 30, 2008. Reflections on the symbolism of the Risen Christ were presented. The Ecumenical Stations of the Cross went very well. The Vigil, despite the poor weather, was attended by a joyful group including a family from Wyoming. The staff also reflected on Pentecost and St. John's Gospel. Fr. Paul visited the young boy who had the heart transplant and was amazed at the joy in this child.
- II. Review modifications of last week's minutes: None.
- III. Preschool (School of Parental Formation) – Mary Parsons.
  - A. Safe Environment Training has been completed.
  - B. A former parishioner has indicated interest in her position. She is well-qualified for the job. She has a Master's degree in Early Childhood Education. The Job position has been posted with the diocese and in our bulletin. It will also be posted with other parishes.
- IV. Liturgical Ministries (School of Sacramental Life Celebrated) –
  - A. Audrey. The music was very beautiful for the Easter season.
  - B. The Samoan Choir will sing at the 7:30 am mass on Divine Mercy Sunday. They will practice this Friday.
- 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. SHARE Meeting is being coordinated. The letter is ready to go out to those who are concerned.
  - B. There was a brief discussion on some of the groups that meet here that are from other parishes. We welcome these groups, and would like them to join with our groups.
  - C. Pat has set up a meeting with all of her ministries coordinators for a meeting and dinner in April. She will discuss current philosophies and the difference between apostleship and discipleship. Fr. Paul

added that he and Pat will be looking at how these ministries are gathering, sending, forming and nourishing. The “intent” of the groups will be discussed also. It was noted that the apostles created disciples to go out and do the work. This model will be applied to our ministries.

- VIII. Ordained Ministries –
- A. Fr. Joe. No Update this week.
  - B. Deacon Mike Leverington.
    - 1. Will be at all masses this weekend.
    - 2. Mimi is having some health issues after lifting a patient. We wish her well.
- IX. Pastoral Administration (School of Stewardship) – Sam Gioia.
- A. The Apostles of Hope Ministry is continuing to come together. New Life Church will partner for the next project.
  - B. The Newcomer Ministry is still organizing: leadership continues to be a problem here.
  - C. The Coffee Shop ministry is continuing to make headway. Free coffee was offered on Easter. The grinder has been ordered. The official opening is April 1<sup>st</sup>. Sleeves have been ordered with the logo on them. The stamp has been ordered, and should be available soon. The coffee will be ordered from a Fair Trade company called Firedance.
  - D. There have been 1500 unique visitors to the website this month. The pages most visited are; front page, worship schedule, bulletins and Fr. Paul’s reflections.
  - E. The Easter collections were about \$7,000 less than last year.
  - F. The Good Works Group is continuing to help those that need it. Queen Palmer Elementary School has been adopted as a project to help clean and spruce up the grounds and the school.
    - 1. Administrative Items – Maryanne Wright
      - a. 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.
        - i. Family Attachment Center Child Abuse Prevention Fair.
        - ii. Fr. Larry Richards talk at Ave Maria
        - iii. Family Medical Clinic Health and Wellness Symposium.
      - c. Facilities Usage Requests.  
Acts of the Apostles sign-up table in the vestibule and entrances.
      - d. Commentator Requests.
        - i. Acts of the Apostles Seminar signup
        - ii. Portuguese Community Dinner
        - iii. Read the My House insert

- iv. Check the April 4<sup>th</sup> issue of the Catholic Herald for information on the Pope's visit.
    - v. Read the Life Teen insert Soldier's of Christ Retreat
    - vi. Kenya Mission Meeting on April 6<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 mass
  - e. Bulletin Inserts.
    - i. My House
    - ii. Portuguese Community Fundraiser
    - iii. Soldiers of Christ retreat
    - iv. Theology of the Body Workshop.
- X. Pastor's issues- Fr. Paul.
  - A. Fr. Paul will speak with Jim Myers of the Catholic Herald regarding the Diocesan Pastoral Goals. Fr. Paul and Holy Apostles Church were selected to be interviewed because the parish is a model displaying an exemplary grasp of pastoral goals. The forward thinking of the staff was also cited.
  - B. The deacons will not preach on April 5-6. The Divine Mercy Chapel will be dedicated. There were several compliments on the Divine Mercy painting.
  - C. The staff was asked to start planning for vacations for this year, so that the calendar can be updated. Fr. Paul will go to the Ukraine in August.
  - D. Peggy will be consulted so that the Children's Liturgy can be planned for April 5-6. Nursery will be available for the younger children. The children will be dismissed at the beginning of mass. The ushers will then go and get the children at the offertory.
- XI. Meeting closed at 1045.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maryanne Wright