

The Pastoral Advisory Council of St. Luke Church Westport, CT

November 8, 2011

Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Jeff Ford, Jack Mullen, Pat DelBello, Ron Wayne, David Katter, Jill Toner, Debbie Toner, Sister Maureen Fleming, Monsignor Andy Varga, Ed Bagnulo, and Nola Ungari

Meeting began: 7:40 PM with prayer.

Minutes of Oct. 25, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Chairman's Report – Jeff

- Attendance
 - Only six members of the PAC were at the meeting.
 - All members should think about how we can ensure members attend.

Pastor Report – Monsignor Andy

- Parishioner Event Attendance
 - People are excited about parish events at first but then this excitement fades.
 - This is not just a St. Luke problem but a societal problem.
- Community Gatherings
 - Jeff mentioned that the “Gatherings” are a sign of hope.
 - Pat said that many people would like to go to a “Gathering”. However, in some cases the hosts may only invite their friends. As a result, not many people are invited from the list of parishioners who don't want to host but would like to attend.
 - Sister Maureen asked if Msgr. Andy would allow the rectory to be used.
 - Msgr. Andy confirmed that this is a possibility.
 - Pat suggested that “Pot Luck” at the rectory may be an option.

Youth Group – David and Jill

- “Share the Pie”
 - SLY is running “Share the Pie” at the YMCA in Bridgeport.
 - They are hosting the after-school program on the Friday before Thanksgiving.
 - The group is also baking pies and giving each child one to take home.

- Book Drive
 - The Book Drive was a great success.
 - 600 books were given to children at Caroline House and two after-school programs:
 - ❖ South End YMCA in Bridgeport
 - ❖ The Christian Community Action Program in Norwalk

Parish Social Activities – Sister Maureen

- Raffle Drawing
 - There will be a Raffle Drawing on Dec. 3.
 - Following CT law there must be a group of people to witness the drawing of the Raffle.
 - The more raffle tickets that we sell, the greater the support we will be able to provide to the charities that we choose to support.
- Christmas Celebration
 - Events have been separated.
 - ❖ The Cookie Shoppe and Breakfast with Santa (Dec. 4).
 - ❖ The Saint Luke Christmas Celebration (Dec. 3).
- PAC on charities
 - The committee suggested that members of the supported charities come to Mass before the events and tell how St. Luke's support has helped them. Sister Maureen said she would ask them to come.
 - Pat suggested that after this year's events the PAC ask the parish for ideas on how to raise money for the charities we support.

Other Topics

- Idea for a cheaper version of Parish Directory
 - Ron has an example list of ministries from a parish in Indiana. All ministries were listed on one page.
 - The book PAC had previously considered would have cost a great deal and would be obsolete the day it was printed.
 - All agreed that leveraging the bulletin and the website made more sense.
 - It was suggested that we put a one page list of ministries in the bulletin and then in the following weeks feature the Ministries of St Luke one at a time.
 - Sr. Maureen volunteered that she already has a list of St. Luke Ministries. Ron will get it from Sister for the bulletin.
- Opportunities for more parishioner ideas
 - "Eyes and Ears of the Parish" Parish Monthly Coffees were discussed.
 - Pat said she introduced herself at the last coffee and asked for ideas.
 - There are two coffees on Nov. 20 (9 AM and 11 AM). PAC members are asked to attend and wear their name tags.
 - Jill thought "Suggestion Boxes" at the back of the church might be a good way to get feedback from the parishioners.

- Jack suggested a suggestion form, an announcement in the bulletin and a speaker at Mass. David said he would make announcement and draw up form.
- PAC Membership
 - Jeff said that John Krubski may have a person in their 20's prepared to join the PAC.
- Communication
 - We have 1500 families and e-mail addresses of 667 for St. Luke Weekender. We need ideas for ways to obtain more addresses.
- New Business - Memorial bricks
 - Ron wondered if we could sell Memorial Bricks in the Mary Garden for deceased loved ones. The bricks would be done in a regulated form and could cost about \$100.
 - A Memorial Walk was also suggested. Ron will get some samples of flagstone.

Meeting ended with prayer at 9:08 PM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Nola Ungari