

## PASTORAL COUNCIL OF ST PHILIP THE APOSTLE PARISH

### MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9 2009

**ATTENDING:** MARY FITZPATRICK – SODALITY  
QUINN CREMER – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
RUTH CRAIG  
ROBERT CLOSS – SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL  
SHIRLEY MCGEARY – RIGHT TO LIFE  
JAN PARSONS – RECORDING SECRETARY; ex-officio  
ROBERT MUGGLI – CHAIRMAN  
JIM CARROLL – ex-officio  
FR. WILLIAM GYURE – ex-officio  
JIM SCHEIDT  
BJ SCHEIDT

**ABSENT:** PHYLLIS HALL (WITH PROXY)  
ANGELA TORRES  
JIM BRIDGES

The Pastoral Council meeting of September 9, 2009 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall by Chairman Robert Muggli. Father Bill opened the meeting with a prayer. Chairman Muggli announced that we had a quorum.

A motion was made by Robert Closs to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as presented. Quinn Cremer seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Al Shiya was welcomed to the meeting. Mr. Shiya sits on the diocesan council and he gave us a run down of his responsibilities with regard to this assignment.

## **MYSTICAL ROSE SOCIETY**

Mary Fitzpatrick reported that on January 27, 2010 at 2 p.m. after the Sodality meeting, a Gila County health department representative will be on hand to instruct food handlers on proper techniques to prepare and handle food. She invited the Knights of Columbus & SVDP.

There will be a Craft and Bake sale on November 6, 7, 8.

The MRS is donating \$300 for future priests in the diocese.

Mary also reported that the ladies are considering knitting face masks from llama wool. Interestingly llama wool is fire proof.

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights are having a steak dinner on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.

Quinn reported that in the future, the Knights will have a "theme" and a notation of who the recipient of the fundraiser might be.

Quinn reported that the Knights will donate \$500.00 in support of the "friends of the poor" and will have a brother who will walk in the event.

The tootsie roll drive will occur at the end of October. The funds raised will go to the handicapped.

There was a pro-life conference held on August 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>. The Knights sponsored John and Virginia Tarajcak's trip and the couple reported back to the Knights at the end of the conference.

## **SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

Bob Closs Sr. reported that the organization is currently 34 members strong. Upcoming events include: "An invitation to serve" during the upcoming weekend. Parishioners will be asked to join SVDP.

Wednesday, they will hold an orientation.

The upcoming fundraiser "Walk for the friends of the Poor" will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. The group will gather at the Sawmill parking lot and walk to Walgreen's and back. They have a lot of pledges and are looking for more.

SVDP needs money. Funds are broken down into two categories.

- Food bank
- Home visits –financial aid

Funds for the latter are really down. However, other charities are able to help and they are CAP, Payson Helping Payson and the Salvation Army.

Bob reported that on average 35-40 families come into the food bank each day. Families repeat about every 10 days. All information about the recipients is kept confidential.

### **PRO-LIFE**

Shirley McGeary attended the pro-life conference to familiarize herself with the current Right to Life issues. She reported that they are not just moral but highly political as well.

She suggested that more people join in praying the rosary between 12 and 1 on Fridays. She also reported that Deacon Fox is working with this committee.

Shirley would like to have a coffee complete with guest speakers to educate the church community and the entire Rim country.

Shirley reported that there will be a 40 day period for pro-life issues from 9-22-09 to 11-4-09.

The Moses monument will have the inscription "Respect life from conception to natural death".

Fr. Bill asked Shirley to ask the pro life group to get back to him so that he can assist them in connecting to the parish at large.

### **MINISTERS OF CARE**

Father Bill reported that he needs more Eucharistic ministers who can visit the hospitals, hospice, individual homes and nursing care facilities. Fr. Bill reported that if a person is failing, he can anoint them – but he needs to know about this. He also stated that the care ministers could use more help as geographically, the sick are spread out all over the Rim Country.

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Moses monument - The monument is expected at the end of September. We will install a sidewalk in front of it, so people can walk up to it.

A good part of it is the Right to life theme as Shirley pointed out earlier.

Low growing flowers will be planted around it. Bob Closs recommended putting a bench around the monument so that people can sit and reflect or meditate. Father Bill noted that such a bench already exists.

Thank you party – for volunteers was discussed. Jim Scheidt suggested having a catered dinner. Jim Carroll spoke about the social benefit of the dinner. Discussion continued around which volunteer should be invited. A committee will be set up to determine who should be on the invitation list.

Bob Closs made a motion to have a catered dinner to thank all of those who volunteer in the parish. Jim Scheidt seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Thanksgiving dinner will once again be held at the parish hall. The Sodality & Bonnie Supan will take be responsible for the organization and preparation.

St. Anne's Taco Dinner will be held on a Monday or Friday before Halloween. Dave Engleman reported that this will be a free dinner for all parishioners.

Angel Trees have been something that we have done in years past but have gotten away from. Ruth Craig was filling in for Barbara Brillo in requesting that we put up an Angel Tree in the parish vestibule during the Christmas season. Jan Parsons explained the workings of the program. A motion was made by Jim Scheidt and second by Jim Carroll to participate in an angel tree program. Motion was unanimously approved.

Liturgy booklets for Christmas are in limited supply but will be made available in English and Spanish for anyone who wants them. Fr. found these little books of meditations for Christmas, Advent, Lent and Easter.

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Penance service will tentatively be held on Wednesday Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 the week before Christmas.

Diocesan report – Al Shiya, attended the Diocesan Pastoral Council on August 8<sup>th</sup>. He will serve in this position as our representative for three years. Fr. Bill on the advice of the Corp. Directors nominated Al to represent our vicariate – which consists of 10 parishes in Gila and Pinal counties. The other representative is from Kearney. Al meets with the Bishop and wants our council to know the content of those meetings. This is a unique opportunity for two way communication with the bishop via our representative. His role is advisory – and involves diocesan issues.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Judy Carroll reported that 62 students are enrolled at present. She handed out two informational bulletins. The first related to a parent-teachers meeting on September 16, 2009. Topics for that question- answer session will range from policy to hygiene.

Judy gave us highlights of the second handout as follows:

September 20 is catechetical Sunday – emphasis placed on the whole family.

Adult education:

- RCIA is getting restarted
- Judy wants to put an ad in the paper to attract those people interested in coming back to the church.
- There will be 8 week study sessions; topics include: Catholic Social Justice and Moral Teaching, Christifideles Laici (three week series to be scheduled in Advent), Fr. Bill's Bible study will start in Oct or Nov., Church history – the first 1000 years, Church history the second 1000 years.

The Youth group begins again on September 13. They are looking for a female chaperone.

Christmas play will be Saturday, December 12, 2009 in the afternoon before the 5:30 mass.

Finally, Judy noted that phone calls to or from students will only take place from the office.

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### **PASTORAL COUNCIL CHARTER**

After some discussion, Ruth Craig made a motion that we follow the Diocesan May 2009 Pastoral Council Guidelines and adopt the revised parish council by-laws. Jim Carroll seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **DEVOTIONS**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held on Fridays. Father Bill will remind the Church community about all Friday devotions. There is a rosary said before 9:00 mass on Sunday. Fr. Bill reminded us how the pope wants us to say the rosary by reading a scripture passage about the mystery at the beginning and end of the decade. Father will purchase booklets of scripture meditations for general parish use.

### **QUESTIONS FROM PARISHONERS**

There were none.

However, Jim Carroll mentioned that if any organization puts out any memos on St. Philip letterhead, it must have Fr. Bill's initials on it.

Bob Closs added that Denny's Restaurant will give 10% of all proceeds on the first Friday night of the month to St. Vincent de Paul.

**NEXT MEETING** is November 18 at 6 p.m.

Bob Muggli made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley McGeary seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Fr. Bill said a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Jan Parsons, Recording Secretary

