

Pastoral Care & Outreach Meeting

November 16, 2010

Members Present:

Steve Sorsen
Denise Roy
Collette Selby
Len Powell

Members Absent:

Kristann Yocum
Joe Hager
Jean Mackey
Kathleen Howland

Guests:

Emey Vaillancourt – Faith Community Nurse
Helen Heisler – Meals on Wheels

Steve started the meeting by explaining the PC&O purpose and the role of the commission in relationship to the various ministries the commissions supports. He gave background on what the commission can do to assist the ministries that were present at our meeting.

Helen Heisler of Meals on Wheels gave the commission a brief breakdown of what Meals on Wheels was and what her concerns were. The main concern was that she did not feel she is getting all the correct names and information from the parish. She has had conversations with people that say they put their names on the stewardship forms but do not receive calls to assist. Steve advised Helen that he would check into the issue and get back to her. Emey Vaillancourt asked how people can contact Meals on Wheels and Helen suggested they contact her at the number on the website. Meals on Wheels serve the Coon Rapids/Blaine area and all meals are prepared at Camilla Rose.

Emey Vaillancourt gave the commission a brief explanation of her role as the Faith Community Nurse. She is committed to 8 hours weekly but is resigning her position at the end of 2010. The parish is aware of her resignation. Denise will follow-up with Emey prior to year-end to see if a replacement has been named. Denise will also talk with Libby to get the website changed to reflect Emey's resignation.

Len gave us an update on Family Promise. He said the program is doing well. Seven families have started; 1 family was asked to leave the program and 2 families found housing through Family Promise. Family Promise will continue to recruit volunteers and Len will be participating in the district meetings.

Steve provided the State Fair Diner and Springfest financial results with the group. The State Fair Diner is currently in need of some major equipments purchases and/or repairs along with building maintenance. Springfest did well financially and with the new format of charging admission. Admission will continue for 2011.

The members present, along with notes provided by Jean Mackey, worked on the SWOC analysis. Steve is to type the analysis and provide to the council.

Steve was able to reach out to St. Stephens to discuss how we, as parishes and commissions, can share ideas and reach out to assist each other. St. Stephens was receptive but due to time of year constraints, the conversation will continue after the 1st of the year.

Steve briefly went over the parish's goal of "Fit by 50". Epiphany will celebrate 50 years in 3 years and the goals of the parish are: financial, spiritual (renew faith) and physical (operations).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm. The next PC&O meeting will be January 11, 2011 with the other commissions and council.