

**SAINT CHRISTOPHER COUNCIL OF STEWARDSHIP
OF PASTORAL ACTIVITIES MINUTES
January 19, 2012**

Present: Katie Patterson, Neil Schaefer, Megan Bickel, Tom Nash, George Pontones, Bill Szolek-VanValkenburgh, Gina Sanchez Gibau, Cheryl Bilsland, Helen Morlock, Anita Thompson, Fr. Mike and Sandy Whitaker

Absent: Jim McMechan

Call To Order: Council Chairman, Katie Patterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Bethany Room. Cheryl Bilsland led the group in an opening devotion titled, *A Prayer of New Beginnings*. Helen Morlock volunteered to do the opening prayer in February.

75th Anniversary Celebration:

Katie introduced Vicki Murphy, Chairperson, for the 75th Anniversary Celebration. Vicki presented the following Proposal of Events.

1. **Storytellers Night:** Vicki proposed that a chili/fish fry dinner be held next month on the evening of February 20th in our school cafeteria. Parishioners would be invited to come, eat and share stories and photos of St. Christopher Parish.
2. **Coloring Contest/Children's Activity:** A coloring contest, perhaps of the Rose Window was suggested as one way to include the children of our parish in this celebration. Other ideas included a Lego day as well as a fun run/parade.
3. **Service Project:** This would tie into our parish mission to be of service to others. For example, our parish could build a water well in Africa for about \$7,500. (TheWaterProject.org). We might also resolve to collect 7,500 food items for our food pantry, and/or pledge to do 75,000 hours of service in advance of the Diamond Anniversary. Planting 75 trees was another idea.
4. **Diamond Celebration Mass:** Tentative date: September 9, 2012 at 11 a.m. (Note: 10:30 and noon Mass schedules would be altered.). This may present an opportunity to recognize those who have played a large part in St. Christopher's history. Fr. Mike and the Choir will handle details.
5. **Publication:** Vicki suggested a magazine-style booklet to commemorate the 75th anniversary. This publication could be composed of many elements from the 50th Anniversary book, with additional narrative and photos. A limited number of advertisements could be sold to offset costs. This material could be adapted for several mediums, such as a DVD, online video (e.g., Masher, YouTube), and/or a hardcover/soft cover book. Sandy suggested that Lisa Whitaker and Troy Buckley be contacted for possible input.
6. **Diamond Celebration Gala:** Suggested date: the evening of September 8, 2012. The event could include dinner, as well as multi-generational music (e.g., Swing band). It was generally agreed that this should be a ticketed event, with a minimal cost (e.g., \$20). Fr. Mike agreed to contact IMS as a possible location for Gala.
7. **Other Ideas:** St. Christopher Diamond Dash 5k Walk/Run (possibly including Speedway Residents. Distribute commemorative St. Christopher car visor Medal or clips.
8. **Committee Structure:** Committees will be formed once permission to move forward on any of the above ideas is secured. Each Celebration to have own chairperson. Historical Records Committee to be formed ASAP in order to gather. Pictures and memorabilia related to the history of St. Chris.

Council members expressed enthusiasm for all of the ideas presented, and Katie thanked Vicki for her excellent work. Vicki then excused herself from the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes from the October 2011 meeting were accepted by consensus as written. The minutes of the November meeting were corrected and accepted by consensus. Recall that the Council does not meet during the month of December.

Staff/Ministry Reports:

Financial Report: Fr. Mike for Jim McMechan

YTD Actual Collections: \$768,723.70

YTD Budget: \$764,371.83

YTD Gain: (Loss): \$4,685.24

Bill stated that St. Christopher Parish has met 94% of our goal for the annual United Catholic Appeal.

Pastor Report: Fr. Mike reported that a job description has been written for the hiring of a new choir director. A committee meeting will be held on Monday for further discussion. He also updated the Council on school news.

New Business: Due to time constraints, Katie suggested deferring any discussion/updates regarding the *Faith Formation 2020* initiative until the March meeting. Katie then suggested a protocol to follow in the event of inclement weather on the day of a Council meeting. If Fr. Mike and/or Bill Szolek-Van Valkenburg cancel the meeting within 24 hours, Katie will send an email to council members notifying them of the cancellation. If it becomes necessary to cancel the meeting with less than 24 hours notice, Katie agreed to contact council members by cell phone. To that end, she passed around the Council roster and asked members to note any changes in e-mails/phone numbers. As a “teaser” for the Faith Formation discussion next month, Fr. Mike played the Advent video on his iPad 2.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

**Next Council Meeting on
February 16, 2010
7:00 pm
Bethany Room**

Respectfully,
Sandy Whitaker Council Secretary

