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The Monthly Leadership Night was held on March 22, 2010. Below is a summary of the “Two-Minute Report” prepared by each Commission.

Education/Faith Formation

- One Book, One Parish, “The Gift of Peace” is available at the rectory or in book stores. (??)
- The Parish Mission was successful. We are beginning the process of looking for speakers next year.
- The CRHP Women’s Retreat is April 17 & 18th; The Men’s Retreat is April 24 & 25.
- Terra Nova testing is completed.
- Religious Education is preparing for first Holy Communion May 1st & 2nd.
- Registrations are being accepted for 2010 – 2011 School Year

Administration Commission

- Finance Board approved a bid from a vendor to install the fire alarm at the school.
- We began a discussion on how to ensure the 5 year plan becomes a rolling, living document and ways to strengthen our internal controls.
- To date, Grant in Aid has received 10 applications, 8 of which were granted for a total of \$25,200.
- We are still in the process of converting to the new electronic giving program.
- The Ad Hoc Communications Committee has submitted their recommendations which will be discussed with Parish Council.
- A Planned Giving task force is being formed to help initiate a more proactive effort to grow our endowments.

Human Concerns Commission

- SuCasa – Mary Condon’s team will have a luncheon on 4/11. More details will follow in the bulletin.
- St. Martin de Porres is looking for a volunteer to lead an art group 1 hour per week @ its House of Hope.
- Respect Life – Illinois Right to Life & Birthright will hold its annual benefit dinner on April 9th. A generous, anonymous parishioner has arranged for transportation to and from St. Barnabas’s parking lot for no charge.
- Operation Rice Bowl – Soup dinner before the Parish Mission raised \$300.
- St. Vincent de Paul—\$500 donation to Pads was received after the fire; Assembling Easter Food Baskets on Tuesday March 30th; 3/17 was final winter warming session. It was a successful season with 5 – 15 people attending each; Upcoming Square Dance fundraiser for PADS
- Human Concerns Commission is considering a “Communications Liaison” to facilitate the exchange and publication of information about our events

Spiritual Life Commission

- Breast Cancer Walk Liturgy is May 9th at 6:30 a.m.

Parish Life Commission

- The next new parishioner dinner is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14th.
- The Mother’s Day Walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 9th
- Several fundraising ideas are being explored for the Mission Program Home Build to be held June 11-13th.

Parish Council

- The Parish Council continued editing its document that bridges the "Barnabas Blueprint" with the "Parish Covenant".
- Between Easter and Pentecost, Parish Council members volunteered to write weekly bulletin articles, describing our parish-wide action steps supporting the Parish Covenant statements.
- Parish Council approved the 2010-2011 Leadership Calendar.
- Parish Council reviewed the Ad Hoc Communications Committee's report.

As you can see, much is happening. Thank you to all commission members and for all the volunteers who make St. Barnabas such a vibrant parish. Your gifts of time, talent and treasure are truly appreciated! The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 3rd.