

Two Minute Report



The Monthly Leadership Night was held on **Monday, June 1**. A summary of each commission's accomplishments and upcoming events are described in the following **"Two-Minute Report"...**

Education/Faith Formation Commission...

- School Board welcomed 4 new members; Ann McNamara, Tom Condon, Dan Devane and the board will begin their fundraiser, Football Mania.
- Bishop Goedert will conduct the Lenten Mission. St. Barnabas will host Theology on Tap for 21-40 year olds in July. Adult Education is seeking new members.
- The goals for 09-10 are: Spiritual Renewal, explore legislative action, better communication within and outside commission and better representation of all commission groups.
- Kevin Cronin is the new Parish Council Rep and Mary Maroney is welcomed as a new member while Mary Zeronas and John Carroll were thanked for completing their term

Administration Commission...

- The Finance Board will work to centralize all parish checking accounts starting July 1, with the parish's conversion of their accounting system to QuickBooks, which is mandated by the Archdiocese.
- GIA committee has awarded a total of \$33,500 for tuition assistance to families in need for 2008-2009. Requests for aid have been received so far for the 09-10 school year.
- The signing of the parish covenant took place last week-end. Parishioners who may have missed this opportunity can still participate by contacting Matt Abernathy at the rectory. Other Development news includes plans for a Fall Appeal, Quarterly Alumni newsletters, and marketing brochures for planned giving.
- Physical Resources is collecting bids for 6 major projects needing attention. Priority will be assigned and plans for completion are targeted for this summer.

Human Concerns Commission...

- Respect Life will host a diaper drive during all masses Father's Day week-end.
- A variety of goals were discussed including a human concerns mass at 4:00, and utilizing the parish web site to promote opportunities for service and to highlight a particular ministry of the parish. A long term goal of creating a parish missionary service project was also discussed. Kathy VanEtten has completed her term and the commission welcomed new co-chairs Eileen Watson and Chris Kennelly, with Phyllis O'Keefe being the new Parish Council liaison.

Spiritual Life Commission...

- 4 new members were welcomed; Lorraine Symonanis, Joe Basile, Madeline McIntosh and Colleen Suglich. Co-chairs are Kitty Ryan and Kathy McGarry and Parish Council Reps are Barb Styczynski and Ellen Sobczak.
- 22 new altar servers are being trained by the new coordinator, Andy Neu.
- Barb Lucente has volunteered to be the new coordinator of the Altar Linen Care ministry.

Parish Life Commission...

- Parish Life held an organizational meeting where they will work with the rectory to coordinate an Annual Calendar setting meeting.
- New ideas were discussed for the fall and 2010.
- A monthly teen Mass is being planned for September – May to continue the outreach efforts to the young people of our parish.

Parish Council...

- Finalized the new St. Barnabas mission statement: The family of St. Barnabas Parish celebrates the Eucharist, welcomes and serves all, shares talents, fosters learning, and initiates others into the life of Christ. and the tag line is: St. Barnabas – making a difference through Faith, Family and Friendship.
- The 5-year Financial Plan committee will assign a representative to each commission to help the commission continue to plan and realize their goals as part of the Plan.
- Fr. Malloy mentioned that in September & October, Fr. Bill Burton will present a 6 week program titled, "Introduction to Scripture".
- Dave Hibbs was discerned as the new Parish Council Co-Chair. Sheila Padden will stay on the council as Co-Chair to ensure continuity.
- Parish Council thanked John Carroll and Kathy Van Etten for their time and talent on Parish Council as they will be rolling off.
- Welcomed Kevin Cronin (Education/Formation Commission) and Phyllis O'Keefe (Human Concerns Commission) to the Parish Council.

As you can see, much is happening. Thank you to all the 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, August 3**. Have a great summer!