

Staff Meeting Minutes
Holy Apostles Catholic Church
Colorado Springs, Colorado
March 28, 2007
9:00-10:30

Members present: Sam Gioia, Pat Van Horn, Audrey Sujkowski, Deacon Chuck Matzker, Fr. Frank, Fr. Jerry, Mary Superata, Fr. Paul

Absent: Drew Sciba, Mary Parsons

Maryanne Wright, recording

- I. Reflections on the April 15th Readings.
- II. Office Planning: March birthdays will be celebrated on March 28.
- III. There will be a fire drill on April 12th.
- IV. Planning. The staff retreat will be held June 3-6 at Christhaven Retreat/Conference Center in Florissant, CO. Reservations have been made.
- V. Library Plans: The members of the staff will meet with Elaine Tourville, the librarian, to discuss future library plans on April 11th.
- VI. Gathering Space. Pat is working to find a distributor that is local for the slatboard for the gathering space. The shipping costs are very expensive for shipping into the city. A bulletin item will inform the parish of the work that will be done.
- VII. Godspell. The youth ministry is interested in putting on the musical. Drew and met with Audrey and has discussed the possibility of Audrey doing musical direction. She would be glad to accompany, but will not have the time for musical director. There was a discussion as to what musicals/shows are being presented around the diocese by youth groups and high schools. Can they support or complement us? What resources are available? Could this production be part of the parish festival? Discussion will continue on this subject.
- VIII. Evangelization/Marketing.
 - A. New website: The new website should be up and running by; this week. There may be errors, but this is to be expected. We will print out the pages and then update and edit as needed.
 - B. Mailings. Easter postcards have been mailed out to all parishioners and list all Easter Service dates.
 - C. Door hangers will be passed out to those in zip codes 80908 and 80922 on May 17th and will invite all to come to mass on Mother's Day.
- IX. Apostles of Hope Update. Next Synod is scheduled for March 31, 2007. The format will be different from the last one. The groups will be divided into smaller groups by demographic interests. Discussion will take place concerning threat/opportunity for spreading the gospel.

Individual and parish strengths will be examined. Discussions will also include how we can partner with other churches and institutions to meet the spiritual and physical needs of those within our parish boundaries. Lunch will be provided. Signup sheets will be posted after all masses this weekend.

- X. Fundraising Requests.
 - A. Olivewood sales: wood items from the Holy Land. This has been approved for May 5, 6.
 - B. Ukraine Bake Sale is scheduled for April 15th.
 - C. Drew wants to sell tickets to the Youth-sponsored "Once Upon a Time" dance after all masses this weekend. This request has been approved.
 - D. Vacation Bible School table will be set-up after Easter.
- XI. Commentator/Guest Speaker Requests.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be announced and a bulletin item will be included in the April 8th bulletin. Deacon Chuck Matzker will preach on this Sunday. A discussion produced the idea that a prayer card will be available in the pews. A discussion followed on an article that the pontiff had written on indulgences and prayer. Many of the devotions that some generations grew up with are not practiced or known to the following generation. The possibility of starting a "Lost Devotions" series of informative announcements/meetings/flyers was discussed. This might include the 40-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacred Heart and other saints devotions. Around 120 people signed up for the 24-hour adoration.
- XII. Bulletin Insert Requests:
 - A. Keeping Kids Safe bulletin insert from the diocese will be in the March 31st-April 1st bulletin.
 - B. There will not be a bulletin insert for Divine Mercy Sunday.
- XIII. Second Collections. Nationally Mandated Appeals.
 - A. Operation Soup Bowl during Lent. Eighty-five boxes were received and around \$1,000 was collected.
 - B. Holy Land Collection will be on Good Friday.
 - C. The possibility of having an "unannounced" second collection on Easter was discussed. This collection could aid the elderly, single parents or another cause in the parish. The Synod, that is to be held this weekend could disclose other ideas for the funds. This effort would mirror the Christmas collection, which produced funds for the "Grace Be Unto You" church, which aids the homeless. The census has disclosed that within our parish boundaries, 12% are at the poverty level of income, 12% are single mothers, and 30% are over the age of 60.
- XIV. Office Protocols.
 - A. A Neighborhood Watch meeting was held at Holy Apostles in the parish hall on March 27, 2007 at 7:00 pm. Police officers, home security representatives, members of neighboring churches and a

city councilman attended. The police representative was very helpful and informative about the graffiti problems, influx of gang activity and how to counter this threat. Very often gang activity takes the place of a family to the members. How to counter this is a challenge. Joe M., who was involved in the organization of the Neighborhood watches, will attend our synod this weekend to gain a better understanding of the problems this parish is facing meeting the needs of those within the boundaries. One possibility is organizing a neighborhood watch around the church. There are 160 Neighborhood watches in the city.

- B. Marian House boxes were brought up and left on the altar steps this weekend.
- C. The Diocesan Appeal is at \$94,830 which is 52% of goal.

XV. Roundtable.

- A. Chuck: To celebrate the feast of St. Francis in October, Deacon Chuck has requested that he be allowed to do a Blessing of the Animals on Saturday October 6th. This was approved.
- B. Audrey: The worship aids are ready for Holy Week. There is a Liturgy meeting on Monday. Deacon Chuck will be available for all Easter rites and masses.
- C. Mary Superata: Forty-one people will be received into full communion on Easter. The candidates will be received at all masses with the majority at the 9:30 mass. Instead of the creed, renewal of baptismal promises will be recited.
- D. Pat Van Horn: LaVonne Jagers was thanked for her service to the church and involvement with the Clothes Closet ministry. Vouchers will now be given to the ARC or Goodwill for those that need clothing. Brown Bag will still collect winter coats and clothing for distribution. LaVonne will eat lunch with the staff today. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin concerning the closing of the Clothes Closet.
- E. Fr. Paul: Met with John Morrison concerning the Baptism ministry. Mr. Morrison is a convert and had many good insights into our catholic rites and services. He discussed how we may be able to let visitors and members of other faiths participate in our services and what kind of guides we could use so that the visitor will know when to stand sit, kneel and respond to prayers and invocations.

XVI. The meeting was closed at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Maryanne Wright