

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

September 25, 2008

Opening Prayer: Art Harris

Present: Father Tom Kunnel, Kathryn Fraser, Alex Gonsalves, Mike Greeder, Justine Grow, Art Harris, Richard Krainz, Bill Lepsch, Bill Shutte, Bonnie Shutte, Greg Tomala, John Ward, Julie Zilka
Absent: Casimir Burzinski, Beth Gloppen, Beth Kondrick, Steve Smith

Approval of 8/28/08: Minutes were approved as written.

Positive Communication:

- Art Harris collected examples of positive activities of parishioners for the bulletin.

Bell Tower Update:

- The new estimate to repair the Bell Tower is \$180,000. Steve Smith is getting a bid on tearing it down.
- Work will begin in the spring.
- A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for October 11 at 1 pm in school auditorium.
- The Council will meet on October 9th at 6:30 to prepare for the Town Hall meeting.

Reports:

Business Administrator:

- Kathy Fraser said she is getting great support from Father Tom, the office staff and the Finance Council since she started in July.
- There have been some challenges, including setting up a new software system. Information needs to be reentered and there was a gap during the period when we were without a business administrator.
- The Finances need to get in order since it affects all other departments.

Finance:

- Minutes of the previous meeting are not yet approved.
- The new accounting system will provide more clear data.
- Giving is way down.
- Pledges are taken seriously and if parishioners don't honor their pledges, this directly affects the budget.
- The Parish receives 20% discount in insurance if we follow the rules established by the Archdiocese and the insurance company.

Faith Formation:

- Catholicism 101 starts next month and all are invited.
- A retreat and presentation was done by Theresa Ecker, although attendance was low.

Liturgy:

- Goals will be discussed at the October 6 meeting.

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Stewardship:

- Information for Stewardship Drive 2008:
 - October 4/5: Kick off, seminarian to speak
 - October 11/12: Guest speaker at all masses
 - October 25/26: Father Tom to speak
 - October 27-November 24: pledge cards to be mailed with followups and thank yous.
- A Stewardship Forum was held on September 20th at Mary, Mother of the Church. Greg Tomala, Kathy Morales, John Ward, Bill and Bonnie Shutte attended.

School:

- Accreditation is underway with many parents working on various assignments.
- New food service for the school
- Hired a pre-school teacher
- 219 students are currently enrolled, including 19 in pre-school

Youth Ministry:

- IC Youth are selling Happenings Books.
- There were 62 volunteers attending the Virtus Training. There will be quarterly sessions going forward.

Social Justice and Outreach:

- They are working on developing an educational program for parishioners to participate in justice issues.
- Meals on wheels needs more drivers
- Needs a person(s) to coordinate the meals on wheels program.
- Several parishioners have suggested we discontinue our relationship with El Cavario and select a local church as a sister parish.

Pastoral Ministry:

- The New Parishioner Welcome Dinner was cancelled.
- The Pastoral Ministry should be addressed as a “ministry”, not a council or commission.

Open:

- Discussion was held regarding liquor or food in convent. The convent is a “workplace”. A policy is being written.
- Council members are reminded to send all meeting reports to Eve by 3 pm on Monday that week.

Next meeting: October 30, 2008 6:30PM

Closing Prayer: Art Harris