

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes –September 14, 2006:

Present: Missy Arana, Todd Banchor, Dan Buck (Vice-President), Ruth Guthrie (President), Darlene Sheridan, Becky Tometich, Kathy Valasek (Secretary), (Kathy Hanson, Recording Secretary)

Also Present: Fr. Gary Ostrander, Dave Garland, John Bolas

Absent: Jim Svoboda

I. OPENING PRAYER

II. GUEST Reports:

School Report: (Dave Garland)

A. Middle School Registrants/Teachers/Costs:

Has been a large undertaking and things are getting going on the middle school. Lots of small problems, but feels like by the Grace of God no large problems. Happy with staff so far. Much fine-tuning. Many volunteers helped and Chris Hanson has been a major part of the work.

B. Meet the Teachers: Planned for two separate nights upcoming

C. Upcoming School Activities: First all school mass in gym soon. Questions on life skills classes/what is this answered by Dave

D. Bullying/Behavior Concerns: Concerns that this was not in handbook/procedures were brought up to Dave, since he was not in attendance last times discussed at PC. (last meeting notes “The PC thought there should be a more detailed process in place for the benefit of all. It was requested that the School Board or School has in place or prepares and appropriately approves a ‘process’ for dealing with bullying including steps taken, counselor involvement, parental and other notifications, follow up and resolution as well as documentation of each step”). Dave answered specific questions and showed where information regarding discipline is delineated in the Handbook. A suggestion was made that these concerns could be handled by School Board and Missy will bring any concerns to the School Board.

III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved.

IV. PASTORS REPORT: *No Attached Report this month*

A. Omaha Area Office of Social Ministry: Move toward more social Teaching/parish Justice projects. Specific event Oct 27-28. This was given to Darlene for Human Needs Committee to consider.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Stewardship (Todd Banchor)

Additional comments

1. Stewardship drive Activity Sign-ups: Evidently, it was the intent of the Stewardship committee that the PC members distribute the list of volunteers to the appropriate people/committee chairs and this is the strategy for next year.
2. Inactives / Database Updates: Deciding if they need to call back or will just send letter saying that we assume they are ‘inactive in our parish/no longer want to be members’ if no reply after first message left.
3. Stewardship Campaign starts Again in Nov:
4. New Parishioners in last Two Years: Many phone calls are to be made Oct 8-Nov 11, w/ follow up letter. Recommended envelope inclusion for reply as that has been working best.

- B. Total Education Committee (Missy Arana) – *No Committee Report this Month*
1. Use of Gym for Spring Sports: Took vote on this request and denied based on maintenance committee recommendations (see additional discussion under maintenance committee).
 2. New Care and Concern Program: Being kicked off this year and seems to be modeled after ‘pay it forward’ with people pretty excited how it might go.
- C. Evangelization (Fr. Gary) - *No Committee Report this Month*
1. Pro-life possibilities / activities highlighted and discussed very briefly: There is much information coming to our parish to support/encourage pro-life activities at the parish level as well as outreach efforts from bulletin announcements to ‘adopting a child in the womb,’ activities for pro-life month, a manual of activities that comes from the national pro-life offices and letters from the State Director and the Bishop’s Pastoral Plan for Pro-life. If we get a group started, there is a lot of info and available. This will be discussed with the goals as well.
- D. Family Life Committee (Dan Buck) - *No Committee Report this Month*
No discussion
- E. Finance (Jim Svoboda) - *No Committee Report this Month*
- F. Human Needs Committee (Darlene Sheridan) - *No Committee Report this Month*
1. Leaders to meet: Darlene is planning to ask the committee chairs to get together for pie, discussion.
 2. Habitat going good, \$3-\$4k was donated through special needs envelope and announcement.
 3. Childcare going well so far, parents scheduled through Mid-Oct so far.
- G. Liturgy (Becky Tometich)
No additional comments
- H. Maintenance (Leo Kochanowicz) - *No Committee Report this Month*
1. Use of Gym: Per the maintenance committee, our gym is not designed for outdoor sports use, it does not have the necessary protection including cages, netting, lighting system, ceiling, so the maintenance committee could not endorse the use of the gym for outdoor sports.
 2. Confessional: Plan is to talk with Ken True about what it will take for updating this room to include Soundproofing and HVAC concerns.
 3. Cooling tower: Leo came up with design to save money on possible new equipment need.
 4. Many Winter/ Startup tasks being done now as well as maintenance items in school
 5. Playground update is priority right now as they are trying to get rocks out ASAP so that they can finish for recess use in this badly needed space
- I. Social Committee (Kathy Valasek) – *No Report this Month*
1. Donut Sunday is next week.
 2. Parish Anniversary / Directory: Cara D'ercole is visiting with photographers and getting at least 2 bids on this. Know that if they can get the photos done in Nov/Dec it will probably help the photographers sell more photos for Christmas.
 3. Awaiting calling volunteers until after the Parish Festival next week.
- V. OLD BUSINESS: see Maintenance and Total Ed for Gym use discussion.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS: see Social Committee for Anniversary /Directory discussion
- VII. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS: (Ruth Guthrie, President and Dan Buck, Vice-President)

- A. Goals 2006-2007/Retreat: *See Goals / assignments on Attachment 4 Brainstorming/Goal list*
Assigned some goals/ideas to Committees for consideration and earmarked some for PC follow up. (Notes on these will be included in October minutes).

- B. Archdiocesan Pastoral Council (APC) – no update / comments this meeting

- C. New Committee List / Flow Chart:
Ruth combined 3 ‘Committee Lists’ that the church secretary had into one and tried to update based on which main PC member committee they might fall under. She asked that we review the list for appropriateness of these assignments and to try to assure that we didn’t miss any committees/activities that should be listed and report next meeting [OPEN ITEM]

- D. Next meetings: Oct 12, 7pm in School Conference Room

VIII. CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment