

**St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes –Jan 11, 2007:**

Present: Missy Arana, Dan Buck (Vice-President), Todd Banchor, Ruth Guthrie (President), Leo Kochanowicz, Darlene Sheridan, Jim Svoboda, Becky Tometich, Kathy Valasek (Secretary), (Kathy Hanson, Recording Secretary)  
Also Present: Dave Garland, Fr. Gary Ostrander, John Bolas

I. OPENING PRAYER

II. GUEST Reports:

Chris/Boy Scout: Requested approval to ask for donations for project “Hope” from our parish in the form of a box in the back of the church. It was suggested that he request to have a note or flyer in the bulletin as well as a pulpit announcement the week before collecting as well. This is his Eagle Scout project.

Chris Hanson/ Sign: See *St. Gerald Sign Policies and Guidelines – Attachment 1*

Chris updated the parish council that he’s still working on metal logos, because the size was smaller than expected. Masonry still being completed as well. Reviewed guidelines. Possibly a support group to help with changing signs is going to be formed. There is a form to request sign announcements on the website (see back of Attachment 1). Parish council thanked Chris for his work on the sign as well as previous members who were instrumental in getting it started.

School Report: (Dave Garland) – See *Principals Report, Attachment 2*

*Reviewed the report verbally; Add’l Comments:* Getting ready to implement new school software, which costs approx .50/student/mo. This software allows for grades, progress reports, attendance, lunch menu’s, credits available on website with parent, teacher and admin input. Teachers came in one day early from Christmas vacations to do 2 hour training on the system. It is expected that this system will be good for everyone, once it gets going. A question was brought up regarding policies about grades and/or behavior and participation in sports. Missy said that this has been brought up and discussed with the athletic commission but she is not sure of the exact current status.

Michelle Watkins / Pro-life interest: Michelle said that she spoke with Father Gary and Mary Ann Munchrath about possibly helping with/taking on some leadership with the pro-life activities at St. G’s. Mary Ann said that she has a pretty full plate and could use some help. Michelle mentioned some recent news regarding pro-life. She wants to support ‘Women’s Care Center of the Heartland’ and other support groups for women that have chosen to avoid abortion. She is thinking every 2 months to do a field trip to see these facilities/ learn more about them. It was suggested and she agreed that it would be a good idea to do bulletin inserts with information regarding pro-life that we get in the mail as a parish.

III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved.

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

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Stewardship (Todd Banchor) - See *Attachment 2: Stewardship Committee Meeting Nov 8 Minutes*  
*Additional comments*

1. Stewardship Drive/Activity Sign-ups: Feed the Sheep campaign again exceeded the goal by approx. \$10-12k. Follow up on people that didn’t turn in cards were completed and about 200 people had been contacted.

B. Total Education Committee (Missy Arana) – *No written Report this Month*

1. Candles not allowed in School: No candles allowed in school.

C. Evangelization (Fr. Gary) - *No Committee Report this Month*

RCIA is proceeding: have 18 now.

Parish Lenten activities are in planning for 2007.

Welcome Back program: Ray L had very few at the welcome back program.. It seems that many that are interested in coming back are already searching and call when ready, then usually want to go to confession.

- D. Family Life Committee (Dan Buck) – *No attachment*  
Dan will keep in touch with Michelle Watkins to try to get the “Pro-Life Committee” active in the parish.
- E. Finance (Jim Svoboda) – *See Attachment 3, Finance Committee Report for Nov 15 and Dec 20 meetings:*  
No additional comments.
- F. Human Needs Committee (Darlene Sheridan) – *See Attachment 4, Jan Council Report; Human Needs*  
Darlene is still trying to figure out the entire organization involved in these efforts. Most of the leaders seem to be grateful that she is interested in what they are doing.
- G. Liturgy (Becky Tometich) – *See Dec 11 and Jan 8 Liturgy Committee Reports, Attachment 5*  
Still checking into finalization of hymn racks.
- H. Maintenance (Leo Kochanowicz) - *No Committee Report this Month*
1. Gym Roof: Cost is prohibitive at this time. Decided that we are going to fix leaks and hope to complete a more comprehensive fix later. [OPEN ITEM]
  2. Computer Room Air Conditioning Concern: Fixed this.
  3. Chiller Part replaced at 96<sup>th</sup> and Q
  4. Add'l Confessional: Taking another look at this.
  5. Boiler 96<sup>th</sup> and Q: Air tube/ flame parts are in – also new O2 sensor.
  6. 78<sup>th</sup> and Lakeview: mech seal and shaft brass needed on circulating pump.  
Chilled Water Tank is flaking/ deteriorating after only 5 yrs. Looking at options.
- I. Social Committee (Kathy Valasek) –*No Social Committee Report this Month*
1. Parish Anniversary / Directory: Things still moving along well. Recipe book is finished. Tom is working on ads using only about 115-120 invites to advertise. History book is coming along with quotes from prev pastors as well. Archbishop Curtis is planning to be here at 10:30 mass.
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
1. Stewardship sign up's all called: some are still outstanding, but most have been called and are just trying again until they are reached.
  2. Welcome Booklet: Completed recently. PC members asked for copies.
- VI. NEW BUSINESS:
- VII. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS: (Ruth Guthrie, President and Dan Buck, Vice-President)
- A. Goals 2006-2007/Retreat: *See Attachment 5, Goal List from Brainstorming Session, with notes*  
Brief List of Goals adopted by the PC:  
*#3 - CCD Program Board / Enhancement with parent program. Father requested involvement of a priest or deacon and to keep things public. Getting started with Tom and Kathy Kensinger involvement*  
*#12 – Communication: To continue to develop the communication enhancements we had worked on last year; including mission/vision statement publicity.*  
*#13 – Assessing Committees; Includes knowledge of activities and committees and addressing stagnant committees or other opportunities/limiting factors. Some of this is being completed with the review/upgrade of committee charts.*

*#17 – Library: develop the library to be utilized more as it is a great asset for parishioners that is not utilized as much as it could be. This will be handled under the Total Ed Committee, but the PC wants to keep it as a goal as well. Some goals discussed.. See notes within ‘Human Needs attachment’.*

*#25 – PC members to attend mass on day of or close to meeting day.*

*#30 – Vocations Committee: Strategize and implement action to assure there are local opportunities to understand, encourage, and invite religious vocations. There has been information on vocations in the bulletin. Tom V is helping with this.*

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

C. Next meetings: Feb 22, 2007

D. CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment