

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes May 10, 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)

Absent: Leo Kochanowicz

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

I. OPENING PRAYER

II. GUEST REPORTS:

- A. School Report: (Dave Garland) – *See Attachment 1, Principal's Report for Parish Council Mtg. 5/10/07*
Additional Discussion in response to PC Member questions: 4 Students lost from beginning of year to end of year and no transfers from St. Joan this year. Overall the first year of the Middle School went well. Some initial concern with academic and other differences between the kids moving from St. Joan and the St. Gerald kids...however the teachers were able to get them all more 'on the same page' by second semester. The staff seems to work very well together. Some concerns with modesty brought up; Dave reiterated that we are a 'traditional school' as most parents/ parishioners prefer that, and he is enforcing.

III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved April 12 Minutes.

IV. PASTORS REPORT:

- A. Louis Palau: Father called and told them we would announce the event in our bulletin. After talking with other parishes/priests about this event, he did not see a whole lot of excitement for the event from any of them. One parishioner attended Mary Our Queen who handed out booklets and suggested that they each think of 5 people to invite.
- B. Parish Mission 2008: Father booked the Gielou brothers for 3/14-22, 2009.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Stewardship (Todd Banchor) - *See Attachment 2, Stewardship Committee Mtg. Agenda 5/9/07*
Additional Discussion: The Spirit Link will be quarterly w/issues coinciding with beginning of Advent, Lent, year-end, etc.
- B. Total Education Committee (Missy Arana) – *No Committee Report this Month*
Library (Darlene Sheridan) – Some changes being made to try to assure this progresses.
CCD: CCD committee met in May and decided that they should pursue a Certification program for all teachers, and should continue the stipend for Confirmation grades and want to consider stipends for other grade lead teachers, especially if certification is required. Mike didn't think other lead teachers need a stipend. Members questioned what is required for certification, and nobody seemed to know, however it was hoped that one person could get trained and bring to others, rather than all attending outside training. This could mean a raise in tuition for CCD, which is already subsidized by the parish approx 60/40. Letter for tuition goes out mid-June. It was requested that Mike or a member of the CCD board might attend next meeting and discuss this in more detail.
School Board: The new members are Mary Sheridan and Michelle Pohlman replacing outgoing president Brenda Martin and Andy McEneel.
Incentive for new Students: It was suggested that we offer \$250 'recruiters credit' for families who refer a student to St. Gerald that is not going into kindergarten, and another \$250 credit for the new family. PC members discussed the details and voted to approve this as long as this will not create animosity w/ St. Joan.
- C. Evangelization (Fr. Gary) - *No Committee Report this Month, No discussion*

- D. Family Life Committee (Dan Buck) – See Attachment 3, St. Gerald Pro-life Committee Minutes March 27 and May 1, 2007, No Further Discussion
- E. Finance (Jim Svoboda) – See Attachment 4, Finance Committee Report for 4/18 meeting and Monthly Financial Report for 3/07
Discussed Stocks/Bond Allocation briefly as 60/40 mixes. Merrill Lynch agreed this was responsible choice. Some of maintenance costs that were a bit high included resurfacing Lakeview parking, new parking and sign.
- F. Human Needs Committee (Darlene Sheridan) – No Written Report this month
1. See activities of Library under Total Education /Adult Ed.

Liturgy (Becky Tometich) – No Committee Report this Month, No Discussion.
- G. Maintenance (Leo Kochanowicz) - No Committee Report this Month, No Discussion
- H. Social Committee (Kathy Valasek) – See Attachment 5, Social Committee Meeting May 10, 2007
Additional Discussion: Kathy wanted any input/suggestions on if we should continue the welcome donut Sundays since some of the new people don't even pick up their special welcome baskets. Attendance at other events were also discussed
- V. OLD BUSINESS:
Parish Council Elections: Re-iterated that Kathy Valasek, Ruth Guthrie and Todd Banchor will be retiring from their elected positions and six people are confirmed running. The elections will be held next week.
Highlights from April APC Meeting: See Attachment 6, April APC Meeting
Dan said that the future and importance of lay ministry was emphasized. The new vocation video was shown and Father O'Donnell was a dynamic speaker. (He is planning to talk with our Vocations committee as well).
- VI. NEW BUSINESS: New Youth Camp director was hired.
- VII. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS: (Ruth Guthrie, President and Dan Buck, Vice-President)

Goals 2006-2007:
Develop Library Committee to Enhance Library Use
Develop Natural Family Planning Committee
Build Additional Confessional at 96th & Q --- **Completed**
Form Hospital Ministry Team --- **Completed**
Develop Pro Life Committee --- **Completed**
Develop Vocations Committee --- **Completed**
Establish “CCD Board”, similar to “School Board” --- **Completed**
Explore new ways to communicate to parishioners:
 - Revised “Committee Synopsis” for Welcome Booklet – **Completed**
 - Contacted Stewardship Sign-up Volunteers – **Completed**
 - Spirit-Link Publication, Parish History Book, Church Signs -- **Completed**
Assess / Address Stagnant Committees:
 - Developed “Committee Chair” List & Assigned Liaisons – **Completed**
 - Shelter Committee – Appointed Leader (Becky Koenig) – **Completed**

Next meeting: Thurs. June 14th, 2007: 7pm

CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment