

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes May 10, 2007:

Present: Missy Arana (Secretary), Dan Buck (President / past Vice-President), Todd Banchor, Sr. Michelle Faltus, Ruth Guthrie (President/past President), Leo Kochanowicz, Angie Luna, Brent Pohlman, Darlene Sheridan, Jim Svoboda (Vice President), Becky Tometich, Kathy Valasek (past Secretary).

Absent: Leo Kochanowicz

Also Present: Fr. Gary Ostrander, John Bolas (Kathy Hanson, Recording Secretary)

I. OPENING PRAYER

II. GUEST REPORTS:

School Report: (Dave Garland) – *No Report this month, no discussion*

III. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved May 14 Minutes, with correction that Leo K was absent.

IV. PASTORS REPORT:

A. Louis Palau Festival: There is a meeting at St. Columbkille for ‘involved parishes’ which Ray Lukowski will attend, since he is the ‘welcome back’ person, although he is out of town for the festival and will not be able to attend.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. Stewardship (Todd Banchor) - *See Attachment 1, Stewardship Committee Update, June 14, 2007*
Additional Discussion: The Spirit Link will be quarterly w/issues related to stewardship. There is currently an Ad Hoc committee of Tom V., Joan Squire and Todd B... hopefully this will be regular committee in the future. Todd re-iterated several headlines from the new issue.
- B. Total Education Committee (Missy Arana) – *See Attachment 2, Liturgy, Social and CCD Reports for CCD portion*
Library (Darlene Sheridan) – They are working on re-categorizing all in the library for easier cataloging/retrieval. Cheryl has been working hard on this and Father did some cleaning out as well as purchased about \$100 worth of new books to add to the library. The survey on the library was very revealing, as most people didn’t seem to know much about it. Others including Doug Marsh working hard on this, Darlene getting ready for discussion group, considering Habits of a Soul (not sure of title, similar to Purpose Driven Life, but Catholic). Also may need younger parent to find appropriate updated kids info for library.
CCD: see report, no further discussion. Also, it was suggested that a system for books out/wating list mght be incorporated.
School Board/School Related: Bullying seminar by Mrs. Pflug went well and fit very well with the ‘care and respect’ activities that are on-going at St. Gerald school.
- C. Evangelization (Fr. Gary) - *No Committee Report this Month,*
Additional Discussion: Father Gary and others evaluating RCIA textbooks
- 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 mix. 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 in 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'Donnel 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 meetings: Retreat - Saturday, August 18th

CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment