

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Minutes

March 26, 2009

Present: Mary Bystrom, Sr. Michelle Faltus, Judy Haug, Angie Luna (Vice President), Tim Mundorf, Brent Pohlman, Darlene Sheridan, Jim Svoboda (President), Becky Tometich (Secretary)

Absent:

Also Present: Father Gary Ostrander

OPENING PRAYER

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: approved

II. PASTORS REPORT: See Evangelization.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Board Committee - Judy Haug,

- Ted is looking into what computer leases are costing; there might be some opportunity to save money on machines that are falling off lease or to purchase new machines and forego leasing;
- Consolidating art fees and other misc. fees into one is being discussed – parents can feel “nickel & dimed” by the various fees; issue becomes that different classes require different things, it’s hard to standardize.
- Accelerated Reader program will continue, is funded by the Knights

Stewardship - Angie Luna,

- New signs for new parishioner welcome sessions are in works;
- New parish guidebook has gone to printer
- 3rd Live In Christ sessions have started

Evangelization - Fr. Gary,

- Parish Mission was well-attended
- Upcoming Missions will feature Fr. Gillick in 2010 and the Redemptorist Fathers in 2011

Parish Ed – Brent Pohlman

- Middle School faith sharing after-school group added 22 participants
- Tuesday and Thursday programs going well, May will feature Wednesday night study on history of the Church;
- Men’s study with Deacon Keating will be Saturday April 25th – may conflict with Pride Walk

Finance - Sr. Michelle Faltus,

- See New Business.

Human Needs Committee - Darlene Sheridan

- This year’s Bag the Basics program appeared to be a hit; actually ran out of bags due to heavy participation
- Jean Thompson has asked if she could do another food drive for the Tri-City mission, council gave enthusiastic approval; a date in May is being considered.

Liturgy- Becky Tometich

- Liturgy Committee had a busy meeting; topics discussed included Lenten Prayer Cross strong participation; attention to the crowds at 7 a.m. Holy Day and Ash Wednesday masses at Lakeview Chapel – some congestion with schoolchildren drop off; upcoming mass schedule and special music observances.

- Committee also responded to questions about why noon mass sometimes doesn't have music – this is sometimes necessary due to lack of musicians
- Committee discussed, with passion, the issue of adding hymnal racks to the pews, the expense and viability of this project continue to be points of debate among parishioners and committee members.

Maintenance – Tim Mundorf

- Tree trimming was done at rectory and office.
- Work on new roof for gym is scheduled to commence as soon as school lets out for summer.
- Recycling bins will only be located at the school; bin at 96th & Q church would likely collect garbage and trash from public other than recyclables.

Social Committee - Mary Bystrom, *No written report this month*

- Mary is working to develop leadership group for Donut Sundays and related events so as to not overburden a single individual.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

Answer The Call respondents were distributed to appropriate committees.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

Council reviewed and approved budget as presented by Finance Committee with amendments as proposed by Dave Garland for cost cutting at the school. These amendments included:

- o Reducing part-time salaries through attrition and the scaling back of liturgical music class
- o Closing school in June and July – except for period of Vacation Bible School.
- o Reduce subscriptions
- o After school fee increase of \$620 amortized over all participating students

These changes result in a budget swing of approximately \$25,000 – enough to pull the final budget into a positive net for the year

VIII. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS:

Next meetings: Next Meeting – April 23, 7pm; School Conference Room

CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment