

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
May 12, 2011

Present: Glen Bennett, Sharon Bissen, Mary Bystrom, Judy Haug, Joe Kalina, Joan Luebbert, Mary Morss, Tim Mundorf (Past President), John Prosocki, Ryan Sevcik (President), Jamie Zabrocki.

Absent: Mike Rasmussen

Also Present: Father Owen Korte, Dave Garland (School Principal), (Kathy Hanson, Recording Secretary)

OPENING PRAYER

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as written.

II. SCHOOL Report: – *See Principals report, see also School Board Committee Discussion, below.*

Additional Comments: Educational Freedom Rally described briefly.

420 students is the number of students Dave thinks we will have for next year. Walk/Fundraiser was the best ever! Mass with the Bishop was very nice including video, songs, questions and answers. Michaela Jacobson will have title of Assistant Principal next year and is finalizing her graduate degree.

III. PASTORS REPORT:

- a. **Long Range Planning** – Gathering addition data and reviewing reports from the Chamber of Commerce, Ralston public schools. Trying to figure out how to determine which direction folks primarily want to go. Sr. Rosalee is doing a good job of assuring good use of people's time. Additional ppl may be added to the group as needed with July retreat.
- b. **Mission Statement** – no comments this month.
- c. **Religious Ed (CCD) Director:** Full-time K-6: (clarified K-6, not K-5 as possibly stated in bulletin). Father reported we have 6-7 applicants after catholic voice advertisement. Going through the process, trying to respond to some concerns. One goal is to try to keep the doors more open between the school and CCD program. Father is looking forward to development in this area. Archdiocese wide changes upcoming in how religious ed is delivered, also. One area being implemented is getting more parental involvement. Father described a couple of models: Summer school option (offered by St Columbkille – few weeks in summer offered as choice instead of all winter)... another model uses 1x/month parental formation.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Board Committee - (Mike Rasmussen) *No report this month.*
No Additional comments:

Finance (Fin) - (Ryan Sevcik) *See 'Finance Committee Report' dated 5/12/11 from April 20 meeting.*

Additional Discussion: *Collections trending up, but incurred add'l expenses plus we still need to get parking lot re-surfacing work done this summer.*

Loan balance (middle school) was questioned: \$ in account will cover payments through Sept-Nov time frame.. and we will have about \$250K left to pay off loan at that time. It was recommended we celebrate when we get that paid off!

Human Needs Committee (HN) – (Glenn Bennett) *No report this month*

Stewardship responses - Glen is calling the new Stewardship names directly to determine what their interest is in helping and try to determine which group they fit best with.

Luncheon Idea/ Pam True – Glen spoke with Jean Tompson about this and she highly recommended that we put our efforts in to the Tri-city pantry which is already trying to fulfill this need. She suggested that we continue to refer people to the St. Vincent De Paul group who refers people to additional resources. Glen will be getting this info back to Pam.

Sienna Francis – They are trying to beef up this group a little. It was suggested that they provide a paper trail of the \$ that goes through their group. Father agreed with this and it was suggested/discussed briefly that

'maybe it can all be put in one account under 'shelter meals' to be separated as needed'. This was not to be decided at the parish council meeting.. but followed up on with Glan/Father as appropriate.

Liturgy – (Judy Haug) *No written report this month*

Discussion: Reviewed last month's events and upcoming events/liturgy at the last meeting. Father suggested forming subcommittees if possible.

Maintenance – (Joan Luebbert) , *see Attachment, Maintenance Mtg Agenda April 20.*

Additional discussion:

Rectory - looking for few bidders on garage foundation work at the rectory.

Stewardship – (Mary Bystrom), *See Attachments 3, Stewardship meeting May 11.*

Additional Discussion:

Festival – (new chair is Liz Sevcik) – is to include mass outside and some activities/BBQ around Sat night as well.

Archdiocesan appeal: over 125% of goal.. very good.

Stewardship Renewal: Mary asked for assurance that all lists are being followed up on/called, and suggested that if anyone is having trouble to let Stewardship committee know and they will try to help as we want to assure all are called this year. Stewardship group has a few new members that have been attending already. She also asked for feedback on the campaign and suggested they get any additional feedback to her or Chris/committee. 'Women's social' had a big response and phone calls are still being made.

Parish Ed – (Mary Morss) *No written report this month*

Totus Tuus - 90 grades school kids signed up so far and 17 middle school. To open to outside kids after June 1, if room. Fr. Paul Hasing is the originator of this program.

Social Committee (Soc) – Jamie Zabrocki, *No written report this month*

Totus Tuus – Social committee helping with this as possible. No other new events right now!

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. **PC Elections** – New PC members were introduced and some information about upcoming retreat was shared. It was asked why we take off the summer; nobody really knew specific reasons, however it was suggested we just take one or two months off usually. For future PC nominations, it was suggested we consider a 'selection committee' to nominate/review applications rather than a election.
- b. **Saving Pews** – This was a concern brought up by Father and others through various parishioners and visitors. Father requested comments and there was discussion on both sides of the issue. Most PC members tended to agree that there should be some limits to saving seats, if not complete limits.
- c. **PC Transparency** – It was suggested that we consider implementing more ways to assure the PC is transparent to the parish, including possibly getting the minutes published on the web site, possible PC nametags, and occasional involvement in events as a group (like we did for mission, if/when possible).

VI. NEW BUSINESS: Committee chair selections:

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| Mary M: Liturgy | Jamie Z: Social (same) |
| Glen B: Human Needs (same) | Mike: Finance |
| John P: School Board | Sharon: Parish Ed |
| Joe: Stewardship | Joan: Maintenance (same) |

VII. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS: None

CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment

Next meeting: Retreat date to be determined.