

**St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council**  
**September 8, 2011**

Present: Ryan Sevcik, Jamie Zabrocki, Mary Morss, Sharon Bissen, John Prososki, Joe Kalina, Joan Luebbert, Glen Bennett, Mike Rasmussen.

Absent: Dave Garland (School Principal),

Also Present: Father Owen Korte, Father Anthony Espinosa, Judy Haug (Recording Secretary)

OPENING PRAYER

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved.

II. GUEST REPORTS:

School Report: Dave Garland absent. *No Report.*

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Social Committee – Jamie Zabrocki, *No written report this month.*

- Donut Sunday on October 23 will be in honor of Steve and Angie Luna.
- The Social Committee will explore healthy alternatives to doughnuts.

Parish Education – Sharon Bissen. *No written report this month.*

- Religious Education (CCD) started out great according to Mary Harper. Mary will have enrollment numbers for the October meeting.
- Sharon will contact Mary Harper regarding the Women of Grace program which will be offered this fall at St. Gerald.
- New Women's Social Group:
  - Does not replace MOMS – need to clarify that in bulletin.
  - Fr. Korte would like a chairperson for the group for his contact. Sharon will help set up logistics for the group and then find a co-ordinator.
  - The group will need to have an organizational plan and a mission statement.
  - The group needs to be self-supporting.
  - The group will be meeting on Monday, September 12.

Stewardship – Joe Kalina. *No written report this month.*

- Committee meeting is next week.
- SpiritLink has been mailed to all parishioners.

Maintenance – Joan Luebbert. *No written report this month.*

- Primary focus will be on improving the HVAC system in the school building.

Liturgy – Mary Morss. *See Attachment 1, Liturgy Committee Meeting Minutes.*

- There have been requests for a gluten-free host for Communion. People should be referred to Fr. Korte or Fr. Antony.
- New EMHC's have gone through Archdiocesan training and mandation. Not sure of the number.
- A new coordinator is need for Parking Lot Security. Mary will call Ron Goodrich for suggestions.
- Parish Ministry Training will be Sunday, October 2 at 2:00pm and a make-up session will be Tuesday, October 4 at 7:00pm.
- Recognition and Blessing of all teachers will be at Masses on September 24/25.
- Hymnal racks are ready for installation (in November).
- Smaller missals have been ordered
- There will be cards in the pews with the new version of the Mass prayers.
- A coordinator is also needed for the greeter ministry

Human Needs – Glen Bennett. *See Attachment 2, Human Needs Committees with Contact Information.*

- Glen would like to find a funding source for shelter meal groups. Envelope? Special Collection? Holy Day funds?

Finance – Mike Rasmussen. *See Attachment 3, YTD Budget Report for FY through June 2011.*

- “Actual” numbers are very close to what was budgeted.
- Fr. Korte will continue to graph the income and expenses.

School Board – John Prososki. *No written report this month.*

- Board meeting is next week.
- LiveWell Omaha is looking for a commitment in writing for changes that we would commit to making. Current highlights are:
  - Educational garden at School.
  - Healthy food choices will be available . The School will be getting produce from Wenninghoff Farms. There is a school lunch committee that is overseeing changes.
  - Walk of Pride in the Spring.
- Omaha is 142nd city in nation for fitness.

#### IV. PASTOR’S REPORT

- Fr. Korte has a list of persons from St Gerald on the Archdiocesan Parish & School Study committee.
- Long-range planning:
  - Currently working on development of a survey for our parish to assist with long-range planning and to get parishioners’ opinions of where we are on various aspects of our parish.
  - The survey will be sent to all active parishioners. Chris Hanson will remove inactive names from our database.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS:

- Still working on update of committee chairs list.
- Need to discuss if parish needs are being met.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Our Parish festival is this Sunday.
- New this year: Saturday evening Mass and BBQ.
  - John Prososki, Ryan Sevcik, Mary Morss, and Joe Kalina will carry banners in the Mass procession.
  - The African Mass community is participating.
  - We have permission to park at Messiah Lutheran Church.
  - The Husker football game will be shown in the gym.
  - Fr. Korte hopes to make it an annual tradition.

CLOSING PRAYER/ Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 13 at 7:00 pm in the School Library.