

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
October 13, 2011

Present: Glen Bennett, Jamie Zabrocki, Mike Rasmussen, Mary Morss, Sharon Bissen, John Proski, Joe Kalina
Absent: Ryan Sevcik, Joan Luebbert
Also Present: Father Owen Korte, Father Anthony Espinosa, Deacon Doug Marsh, Judy Haug (Recording Secretary)

OPENING PRAYER - Led by Father Korte

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved.

II. GUEST REPORTS:

School Report: Dave Garland. *See Attachment 1, Principal's Report.*

- Current enrollment is 418 students.
- Various meetings and activities were held to start the new school year.
- Mr. Garland was honored as Principal of the Year by the Omaha Archdiocese.
- Materials are being organized for the State Accreditation school review.

School Athletic Committee: Rich Gonzalez, Casey Hoffman. *See Attachment 2, Basketball Program Proposal.*

- Requesting permission to add 1st and 2nd Grade Basketball to the current program for 3rd through 8th Grade.
- Following the presentation and subsequent discussion with the Parish Council, Father Korte approved the addition of 1st and 2nd Grade to the school basketball program.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Liturgy – Mary Morss. *No written report this month.*

- Fall ministry training was held.

Human Needs – Glen Bennett. *No written report this month.*

- Glen is in the process of creating a list of all Human Needs committees and verifying who is charge of each.

Finance – Mike Rasmussen. *See Attachment 3, Condensed Income Budget Report.*

- Our net income Fiscal Year-to-Date is \$28,674 due to Sunday collections being higher than what was budgeted.
- East Campus maintenance has created expenses beyond what was budgeted.

School Board – John Proski. *See Attachment 4, School Advisory Board 9/20/2011 Meeting Agenda.*

- The school will be observing Fr. Korte's request for no activities on Wednesday evenings.

Social – Jamie Zabrocki.

- Planning socials for Sunday on which parish surveys are distributed (in November).
- Donut Sunday on October 23 will be a reception for Deacon Steve Luna's ordination.
- The newly-formed Women's social group is planning a cookie exchange for December 17.

Parish Education – Sharon Bissen. *See Attachment 5, Parish Education Report.*

- There are 19 candidates in the R.C.I.A. class and Bonnie McDowell said everything is going well.
- Youth Ministry and Young Adults programs are off to a good start. Kathy Kensinger lists upcoming events in the bulletin.
- There are 375 students enrolled in grades K-8 in the Religious Education program this year.

Parish Education (con't)

- The Children's Liturgy had 60-70 children grades Pre-K-5. Children's envelopes are being distributed this weekend.
- Help is needed with parking lot security on Wednesday evenings to monitor children crossing traffic and to direct traffic.
- Women of Grace is headed by Nancy Kochanowicz and started September 26 with a morning group meeting from Noon-2pm in the Parish Library. The evening sessions were cancelled due to low response. They will try again in 2012 to form an evening group.

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

- The next SpiritLink will be mailed out late November-early December.
- The Archdiocese increased our goal for their Annual Appeal.
- Monthly meeting will now be held on the 4th Thursday of the month.

Maintenance – Joan Luebbert absent. *No written report.*

IV. PASTOR'S REPORT

- Long range planning committee is developing a new mission statement for our parish.
- Parish survey will be distributed (rather than mailing) after all Masses on November 11-12 and 18-19.
- Questions on survey include:
 1. Does having a pre-school help increase enrollment? If it doesn't, we will need to have another basis for offering pre-school.
 2. Do parents want early drop-off at school, with breakfast offered?
 3. Would you be willing to support our building maintenance/improvement issues?

V. OLD BUSINESS

- Council members need to work on the goals established at the retreat.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- John Feda is the new coordinator of the Parking Lot Security ministry. He addressed the Council on what his plans are and was given suggestions by the Council members.

CLOSING PRAYER/ Adjournment

Next Meeting is Thursday, November 10 at 7pm in the School Library.

ST. GERALD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Projects for 2011-2012

Project	Co-Ordinator	Status
Enhance Welcoming aspect	Mary Morss	
Research parish council by-laws	John Prosocki	Judy will look for Fr. Gary's copy. John will contact the Archdiocesan Office.
More Parish Council involvement in the budget process	Mike Rasmussen	
Online prayer request/ church prayer basket	Jamie Zabrocki	
Research scheduling software	Judy Haug	
Long-Range Planning	Fr. Korte Ryan Sevcik	