

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
January 12, 2012

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

Absent: Dave Garland (School Principal).

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

OPENING PRAYER

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved.

II. GUEST REPORTS:
None. Mary Harper will report at the March meeting.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Board – John Prosocki. *No written report. See Attachment 1, School Advisory Board Meeting Agenda*

- The result of the school accreditation process will be announced in the summer.
- Fr. Korte is looking at long-range planning for the curriculum.

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

- There will be a Donut Sunday this Sunday, January 15. There is one Donut Sunday scheduled per month.
- Refreshments were served at the Reconciliation Service in December.
- Refreshments will be served at the Reconciliation Service on Tuesday of Holy Week.

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

- Love & Logic parent training is still listed as a parish activity, but classes have not been held since the certified trainer left the parish. We need to eliminate the program or find a new trainer.
- Mary Harper will talk at the Parish Council meeting in March about the Religious Education program.

Stewardship – Joe Kalina. *No written report.*

- Stewardship book is being prepared for March campaign.
- Fr. Korte will speak at Masses on February 25-26. Lay witnesses will talk at Masses on March 3-4.
- The Guardian Angel fund raiser netted \$65,000.

Maintenance – Joan Luebbert. *See Attachment 2, Agenda/Report for Facilities/Maintenance Committee.*

- New PA system has been installed in the gym.
- An architect has been hired to create a plan for converting the stage to a music room. Work is estimated to cost \$55,000 and should take about 4 weeks to complete.

Liturgy – Mary Morss. *No written report.*

- EMHC's will now check-in in the Multi-Purpose Room. Fr. Korte authored a prayer to be led by the presiding priest for that Mass. All ministers (i.e. Lectors, EMHC's, and Altar Servers). The prayer will begin 5 minutes prior to Mass start time.
- Fr. Korte wants to encourage usage of the library by keeping extra traffic out.
- Fr. Anthony's confessional needs work as it is not sound-proof.
- As the new coordinator, John Feda is reviewing the parking lot security program.

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

- The Bolin family ran the Angel Tree program prior to Christmas.

Finance – Mike Rasmussen. *See Attachments 3 & 4, Condensed Income Budget Report, October 2011 and November 2011.*

- Fr. Korte has begun reporting budget numbers in the bulletin.
- The first pass of the 2012-2013 budget will be presented at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Fr. Korte would like to get semi-annual reports from all parish groups with a checking account.

IV. PASTOR'S REPORT

- Fr. Korte read updates from the latest Meitler report on the Archdiocesan study of parishes and schools.
- The re-write of the parish mission statement will include the following objectives:
 - Help people feel at-home in our parish.
 - Improve communication within the parish.
 - Increase evangelization.
 - Improve parish finances.
- Fr. Korte is proposing a “mini”-campaign to:
 - Resolve building maintenance issues (i.e. roof repair and stage renovation).
 - Fund school technology.
 - Consolidate current loan balance of \$100K.
 - \$25K to BCDM to evaluate our campuses for long-range planning.
 - Fr. Korte proposes a 1-year payment pledge period and to start campaign in March 2012.
- The feasibility of a pre-school is still being evaluated.
- Our parish 40-Hours Devotion on March 11-13, 2012 will serve as our Parish Mission. The theme will be “Peter and Faith, Hope and Love”.
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V. OLD BUSINESS:

None

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Parish Council election process
 - Nomination committee
 - Possible election
 - Advertise in the bulletin and at the Stewardship Fair (March 3-4).
- Long-Range Planning Committee (see Pastor's Report).

CLOSING PRAYER/ Adjournment

In February: Attend meeting of St. Gerald Meitler Study Committee to develop parish's responses to study recommendation.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the School Library.

ST. GERALD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
Projects for 2011-2012

Project	Co-Ordinator	Status
Enhance Welcoming aspect	Mary Morss	Mary will research suggestions. Women's group has been formed with various activities scheduled.
Research parish council by-laws	John Proski	John has obtained a copy of the current by-laws.
More Parish Council involvement in the budget process	Mike Rasmussen	Mike will try to get a 2-step process for PC approval of the budget. First pass of budget review will be at the February meeting.
Online prayer request/ church prayer basket	Jamie Zabrocki	Currently available on stgerald.org but still need a volunteer to coordinate. Advertise that prayer request book is in the Chapel.
Research scheduling software	Judy Haug	Cheryl has the software module. It has been updated and is available for viewing on stgerald.org. COMPLETED.
Long-Range Planning	Fr. Korte Ryan Sevcik	Wording for the Parish Mission Statement is being discussed.

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