

**St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council**  
**August, 2012**

Present: Sharon Bissen, John Prososki, Mary Sheridan, Joe O'Donnell; Joan Luebbert

Absent: Mike Rasmussen; Joe Kalina; Mary Morss

Also Present: Father Owen Korte

OPENING PRAYER

I. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (May 2012): To be approved at September meeting.

II. GUEST REPORTS:

- Athletic Committee representatives, Stephanie Jensen, Casey Hoffman, Lisa Johnson, discussed the challenges of scheduling practices and open gym time for the St. Gerald basketball and volleyball teams. Information was provided in regard to the expenses incurred in renting gym space, the large number of St. Gerald children participating in these program and the revenues produced from the actual games. Also discussed were options utilized and to be reviewed to use other diocesan school gyms and public facilities. The many and varied uses of the gym space was also delineated. The PC was very empathic with the complexity of the problem and the issues involved. Father Korte indicated he would review the entire schedule with Cheryl Bolin and determine if there were alternatives space that might be used for those activities no requiring the gymnasium, the application of the policy in regard to who pays for use of the gym and he would take the big picture of needs under advisement and then report back to the Athletic Committee.
- Mary Harper, Dave Garland may be scheduled for September meeting to report plans and goals for 2012-13.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Social Committee – Joe O'Donnell, *No written report.*

Joe has worked with Dorothy Wieblhaus on several of the recent events. Joe asked for clarification of the role of the PC Liaison/Coordinator. The PC Liaison/Coordinator is not expected to chair the committees he/she supports, but to oversee and coordinate the committee's work with the overall parish mission and to assure efficiency and communication from the committees to the Pastoral Council and vice-versa.

Parish Education – Sharon Bissen Written report provided.

- Sharon provided updates regarding recent events and planning. Overall concerns were discussed in regard to shortage of volunteers in various areas, lack of teaching or shadowing programs, training programs.

Stewardship – Joe Kalina. *Written Report Provided*

Maintenance – Jared Franzluebbbers. *Summary of committee meeting provided.*

- No discussion

Liturgy – Mary Morss. *No written report.*

- No Meetings held in June, July or August

Human Needs – Mary Sheridan. *No report.*

- In process of contacting Committee Chairs now that list is provided. To report out at September meeting.

Finance – Open – Written Report Provided

IV. PASTOR'S REPORT

- New Fence at school perimeter is completed
- The renovation of the stage for use as music room as also been completed.
- The elevator has been installed.
- The mortgage burning ceremony was completed and well received by the parish.
- The Klosterman Family will be acknowledged again for their generous gift.
- Mrs. Lamenze has moved into her new music space.

- Space is at a premium throughout all facilities. BVH will complete a long-range plan for all facilities.
- Continue to look at ways to share resources and facilities and link programs together with near-by parishes, especially St. Joan of Arc and Holy Ghost.
- Eight Town Hall Meetings will be hosted by the Archbishop to solicit input into a new Arch Diocese Capital Campaign, which is expected to run over five years and attempt to raise approximately \$70M.
- The African Mass group that hold mass at the Lakeview Chapel each Sunday will have the Archbishop celebrate their 10 year anniversary on Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Father Korte urged all PC council members to attend, if possible in support of the efforts of this group.
- Discussion of the role of the PC in the upcoming Quarterly Leadership Meetings, which are scheduled for September 6, 2012,

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Pastoral Council Position open for a 1 year term to replace Mike Rasmussen who has moved from the Parish. The PC unanimously agreed to ask Ryan Sevcik, past president, to fill the one year term. Father Korte will contact Ryan.

The Recording Secretary position is also open. Council members were advised of one possible replacement, but also requested to suggest others, perhaps someone who may be interested in running for a position on the Pastoral Council in 2013-14.

CLOSING PRAYER/ Adjournment

Next Meeting: Planning Meeting on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at Servite Center. Next regular Pastoral Council Meeting, Thursday, September 13, 2012.

**ST. GERALD PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL  
Projects for 2011-2012**

| <b>Project</b>  | <b>Co-Ordinator</b>      | <b>Status</b>   |
|---|--------------------------|---|
| Enhance Welcoming aspect                              | Mary Morss               | Mary will research suggestions.<br>Women's group has been formed with various activities scheduled.   |
| Research parish council by-laws                       | John Prosocki            | John has obtained a copy of the current by-laws.<br>3/2012 John made suggestions for changes.<br>Presented at April meeting; members had suggested changes.<br>Final copy to be presented at May meeting. |
| 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.<br>First pass of budget review will be at the February meeting.<br>3/2012 budget approved.<br><b>COMPLETED.</b>                      |
| Online prayer request/<br>church prayer basket        | Jamie Zabrocki           | Currently available on stgerald.org but still need a volunteer to coordinate.<br>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.<br><b>COMPLETED.</b>  |
| Long-Range Planning                                   | Fr. Korte<br>Ryan Sevcik | Wording for the Parish Mission Statement is being discussed.<br>3/2012 New Mission Statement presented and approved.<br><b>COMPLETED.</b>   |

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