

St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
January 10, 2013
St. Gerald School Library

Present: Sharon Bissen, John Prosocki, Mary Sheridan, Joe O'Donnell; Mary Morss; Ryan Sevcik; Joe Kalina; Jared Franzluebbbers; Joan Luebbert

Also Present: Father Owen Korte; Father Patrick Harrison

OPENING PRAYER – Father Harrison

- MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (December 13, 2012) Reviewed and unanimously approved. Motion for approval by Sharon Bissen, seconded by Mary Sheridan.

- COMMITTEE REPORTS:

School Board – John Prosocki. *No meeting since last PC meeting.* Three strong candidates for Principal are moving through the interview process

Social Committee – Joe O'Donnell. *No written report.* Setting up donut Sundays with a possible January date, February 24th and April 28th

Parish Education – Sharon Bissen. The Children's Liturgy Schedule was provided to the PC and is attached to the minutes.

Stewardship – Joe Kalina. No meeting since last PC meeting.

- The next SpiritLink will go out in late February or early March

Maintenance – Jared Franzluebbbers. Written Report.

- Snow removal bids were reviewed and contractor chosen – a parishioner.

Liturgy – Mary Morss. Discussion at the meeting, which was held at 6:00 pm, just prior to the PC Meeting, in regard to possible adjustments to Christmas Mass schedules in 2013. Several ideas on the table. To continue to brainstorm and discuss at future meeting. Joe Kalina suggested that an incense free mass could be considered.

The Mission to be held in March was also discussed. There will be a social with the mission on Tuesday night only, February 19th.

Palms are being collected at both churches to be burned at a children's liturgy ceremony.

Human Needs – Mary Sheridan. *Written Report Provided*

- Written report includes updates from Angel Tree Ministry, Habitat for Humanity, Tri-city Pantry and Women's Social Group.

Finance – Ryan Sevcik – December Meeting cancelled

- A meeting to further to discuss the possibility of combining a St. Gerald Capital Campaign with the Archdiocese Capital campaign and possible assistance by the Stier Group will be held on January 22nd.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Father Korte discussed additional information in regard to the Archdiocese Capital Campaign and the possibility of a parish capital campaign.
- The Long Range Planning Committee will be conducting the first of four Town Hall Meetings on Thursday, February 17th. This will be for the PC, School Board, Staff and other to provide input.

OLD BUSINESS

- Leadership Meeting Follow-up – Discussed need to continue to keep goals in front of committees and insure they are taking action on plans developed.
- Decision was made to combine the last two meeting (Previously schedules for March 7th and June 6th, into a final meeting for this fiscal year on April 25th.
 - Joan will put notice in Sunday Bulletin and include a thank you to those attending the first two meetings.
- Father Korte reported the Guardian Angel Dinner and Auction were progressing well and focused on make the first Auction and Dinner held at the school to be the best it can be. Many individuals working very hard to make it all happen seamlessly.
- The campaign to increase regular Sunday giving will start the first Sunday in Lent with Father Korte explaining the need and the steps in the process, i.e. personal letters will be sent, follow-up, etc.. The entire process should be completed in a short period of time. The Cavan Group will direct the process.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion regarding recruitment to have enough candidates for a Pastoral Council election. The chance for parishioners to apply will be added to the bulletin and announced from the pulpit as it draws closer. Discussion lead to the thought the personal invitations are the most successful. Each PC members was requested to ask their committee chairs for possible candidates and to ask a minimum of 3 people to consider running prior to the next meeting.
- The summer meeting schedule was discussed. It was determined that going forward the PC would take only the month of July off. A June meeting will be held with the new PC members present, as well as current members and the planning meeting will be held in August.
- Next Parish Leadership Meeting will be at 7:00 on April 27th.
- Next PC meeting will be held as per the regular schedule

CLOSING PRAYER/ Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 14, 2013, 7:00 pm – 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 Prosocki	John has obtained a copy of the current by-laws. 3/2012 John made suggestions for changes. Presented at April meeting; members had suggested changes. 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. First pass of budget review will be at the February meeting. 3/2012 budget approved. COMPLETED.
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. 3/2012 New Mission Statement presented and approved. COMPLETED.

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