

**St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
School Library – April 11, 2013**

Present: John Prosocki, Mary Morss, Ryan Sevcik, Joe Kalina, Jared Franzluebbbers, Joan Luebbert

Also Present: Father Owen Korte

Absent: Sharon Bissen, Mary Sheridan, Father Patrick Harrison

Opening Prayer: Father Korte

Special Report: Mary Harper gave a presentation on the Family Formation Renewal of the Religious Education Program. This program was started in 2002 in Minnesota. Father Dan Andrews at Norfolk NE Sacred Heart has implemented this program. Mary, Father Korte and other members of Religious Education have gone to Norfolk twice to discuss and observe the program in action. It is based on the Sunday Lectionary and instruction of the children is done in the homes. Once each month classroom teaching is done with the children simultaneously, while parents are instructed on the materials for the next month. Prayer groups also meet in the building to pray for the success of the program each month. St. Philip Neri Parish in Omaha will be implementing next year. St. Patrick's and St. Wenceslaus are considering implementation also. Mary is meeting with small groups of Religious Formation parents to discuss the program and will have a group meeting for all RF parents in the next few weeks. The cost to parents goes down with the Family Formation Program.

A short video describing the program was viewed by the PC members attending. Mary and Father Korte asked that everyone pray about it. What we are currently doing in regard to Faith Formation for these children is not working. This appears to be a viable alternative that would also evangelize to the families, as well as the children. A decision will be made soon in regard to possible implementation in the fall of 2013 or 2014.

Minutes of Last Meeting on March 14, 2013 - Reviewed and unanimously approved. Motion for approval by John Prosocki, seconded by Ryan Sevcik.

2013-2014 Budget: Ryan Sevcik reviewed the budget which had been reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee. After thorough review and discussion John Prosocki moved that the budget be approved as presented and Joe Kalina seconded. Unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

School Board: Two teachers are retiring. An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed to evaluate the catered versus in-house lunch programs. A decision is to be finalized in May or June.

Social: No Report

Parish Education: Written report submitted. Family Formation Program as discussed by Mary Harper is being assessed.

Stewardship: No meeting since last report.

Maintenance: Written report provided. Lawn Care contractor has been designed. Basketball Hoop Installation in progress in new playground area.

Liturgy: A brief meeting was held on April 11th. Shortage of EMHC continues to be problematic. 62 EMHC's are needed each week end. Summer typically lessens the number of EMHC's available, so the Precious Blood may not be present at all current communion stations at some masses. The Sacristan will make the decision on a case-by-case basis.

Human Needs: Written Report Provided

Finance: Written Report was provided, along with 2013-14 budget.

Pastor's Report:

- Plans to implement a Corpus Christi procession this year. Will have a meeting after 9:00 mass on April 21st for anyone interested in assisting in organizing. Procession would move from Lakeview Chapel to Church at 96th & Q. Possibly a meal after the procession is completed.
- First Communions during regular Masses went well. Photos at stations in the Social Hall were well received by participants.
- Father Korte continues to assess candidates for Youth Program Position open due to retirement of Kathy Kensinger. He is reviewing several combinations of duties. Based on candidates and the inability to partner with other parishes on the position at this time combining some additional duties/programs may be the best option. He will update the PC further at the May Meeting.
- An update on from the Kavan Group will be provided in May. Early indications are that Sunday collections have increased.

Old Business

- PC Elections – 6 candidates have agreed to run for PC. Elections to be held in May.
- Leadership Meeting on April 25 was discussed. The meeting will include discussion on actions taken, setting goals for the committees for next year and how frequent and who should be covered in future meetings.

New Business

- 2013-14 Budget reviewed and approved.
- The Capital Campaign planning is paused at this time, based on the recommendation of the Steir Group who is running the Campaign for the Archdiocese.
- Handicap Access to entry at 96th & Q will be reviewed by the Maintenance Committee.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

Next Meeting is Thursday, May 9, 2013 at 7 PM in the School Library. The Mass Schedule for Ascension will allow all PC members to attend a mass prior to the meeting.