

**St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council
School Library – May 9, 2013**

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

Also Present: Father Owen Korte

Absent: John Prosocki, Mary Morss, Father Patrick Harrison

Opening Prayer: Father Korte

Special Guest: Father Kizito who presides at the African Masses and 78th & Lakeview every other week. Father Kizito discussed his efforts with a mission school in Nigeria. He gave an overview of what has been accomplished and his plans and dreams for the future there. The school is called Divine Mercy Primary School. The Pastoral Council was given an overview and asked to consider how St. Gerald's may be able to partner with these efforts in the future.

Minutes of Last Meeting on April 11, 2013 - Reviewed and unanimously approved. 2013-2014 **Committee Reports:**

School Board: On-going sub-committee discussions regarding the lunch program. School Board is having difficulty in finding candidates to fill vacancies on school board for 2013-2014.

Social: No Report

Parish Education: Totus Tuis will be conducted June 24-28. One more host couple is needed and volunteers to provide dinners for the teaching groups are still needed.

Stewardship: No report.

Maintenance: Written report provided. Improved Handicap Access to 96th & Q continues to be reviewed and outreach to contractors for solutions investigated.

Liturgy: No report

Human Needs: No Report

Finance: Cavan Group campaign to increase Sunday giving shows encouraging early results. Further reports will be provided. There is a possibility that Taking Care Our Home donations were not taken out of the Sunday contributions, which would have skewed reporting. Further investigation into the numbers provided is ongoing. The Finance Committee also reviewed the investments in the Endowment Fund with the Archdiocese Fund Managers. Investments are doing well and the fund is directed and managed in accordance with Archdiocesan guidelines and with Archdiocesan oversight.

Pastor's Report:

- Corpus Christi procession plans are going well. Interest and participation is on track. Permits have been secured. Police will assist along the route.
- The option of catering lunches at the school continues to be reviewed. Presentations have been made to school families and all were invited to attend. A final decision will be forthcoming.
- Father Korte continues to assess candidates for Youth Program Position open due to retirement of Kathy Kensinger. Candidates have been narrowed down and input/interviews from others involved in this ministry are in process. A decision will be coming soon.

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- An update on from the Cavan Group will be provided in May. Early indications are that Sunday collections have increased.
- Mark Negemeyer, a seminarian, originally from St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton parish will be with our parish from June through September.
- Father Korte is considering a long range plan to make some changes at the chapel at 78th & Lakeview to allow more space in the choir area. This would also better accommodate monthly exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. An upgrade of the PA system may also be considered. Just brainstorming at this point.

Old Business

- PC Elections – 5 candidates will be running for PC. Elections will be held May 18 and 19.
- PC Representatives will collect the ballots just inside the doors of the sanctuary at each mass. The Deacons will facilitate with announcements at each mass regarding the election process.
- Youth Director decision will be made soon. May be able to incorporate some social media responsibilities.
- Improved handicap accessibility at 96th & Q remains in progress.

New Business:

- Pastoral Council will have a banner prepared for the Corpus Christi procession.
- New PC Representatives will be invited to observe the next meeting and a short reception will be held after the meeting.
- The 2013-2014 PC Planning Retreat will be held August 24th at the Service Center.

Joe O'Donnell moved the meeting be adjourned. Ryan Sevcik seconded. Unanimously approved.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment.

Next Meeting is Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 7 PM in the School Library.