

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

Present: Father Korte, John Prosocki, Joe Kalina, Jared Franzluebbbers, Mary Sheridan, Sharon Bissen, , Kathy Yochum, Rich Martin, Greg Mendick.

Absent: Joe O'Donnell

Also Present: Joan Luebbert, Recording Secretary

Opening Prayer: Father Korte

Minutes of Last Meeting on June 13, 2013: Reviewed with motion for approval from Sharon Bissen, seconded by Mary Sheridan and unanimously approved.

Committee Reports:

School Board: Kathy Yochum – Six Walkie Talkies have been purchased for use for communication at the school for safety and security purposes. Security card locking system has been installed on the main front door. First Aid kits have been provided to each classroom. New signage has been ordered to direct everyone to the main doors at all entrances and also signage to make the main entrance identifiable. Representatives from the school will be attending a security seminar at the Ralston arena later in September. The school is receiving some Title I funds to be used for the purchase of iPads. The Policy Book Committee has begun reviewing the school policy book and will report back regularly to the School Advisory Board throughout the year.

Social: Joe O'Donnell No Report

Parish Education: Rich Martin – No Report Rich has found a source for ordering badges for the PC members to allow them to be identified at various meetings and events in the parish.

Stewardship: Joe Kalina – Meeting to be held later in the month.

Maintenance: Jared Franzluebbbers –Written Report Provided. Security, repair needs of restroom by gym at Lakeview and rollers for movable walls in the fellowship hall were discussed at the meeting. Majority of repairs needed will probably have to be considered as part of the Capital Campaign needs.

Liturgy – Sharon Bissen – No meeting.

Human Needs: Greg Mendick –Discussion with some of the committee chairs. Will work to establish a meeting date of all Human Needs group to discuss synergies, duplications or efforts and on-going partnership opportunities.

Finance: Mary Sheridan – Sunday offerings were down, but have improved in the last few weeks. Budget shortfall at the school is primarily due to actual enrollment of 415, but budgeted enrollment of 425.

Pastor's Report: The need for the parish data base to include occupations was discussed. The parish census should be redone every three years. Brainstormed ideas with the council of having census forms filled out at masses and then volunteers going door-to-door to get census information on all parishioners.

Old Business

- All PC Representatives were asked to make contact with their committee chairs and verify information on the Committee List to assure good phone and email contact information is recorded.

New Business

- Finance Committee will update parishioners at all masses September 14-15
- Festival – Attendance was down due to extremely hot weather. Revenues should be approximately the same as last year due to the raffle ticket sales.
- Human Needs Committee meeting will be held October 15th at 7:00. All PC members are encourage to attend. Discussed the fact there is Human Needs activity carried out in some of the groups under Social Committees and they should be included in the meeting.
- Leadership Meeting – October 29th – Discussed the format and content of the meeting. John P. will provide a draft of form by 10-1 that will be reviewed by the PC and then sent to the committee chairs to prepare for the meeting. Discussion regarding the reason for the meeting ensued. 1. Building Community, 2. Allow opportunity to influence policy/budget, 3. Answer where do I fit, what is it important, how can the PC help, 4. Sharing resources.
 - Focusing on how to get everyone to see they are part of a bigger picture, transition to new ideas and/or ways to get things done and assuring succession of leaders....consider developing a program to have a “shadow” for each committee chairperson.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment.

Next Meeting is Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 7 PM in the School Library.