

MINUTES OF
APRIL 26, 2010 PPC MEETING

Attendees: Father Mike, Maureen Schaerfl, Ron Naumann, Ben Letizia, Henry Fox, Jo Timperman, Maria Elena Salazar, Sr. Kathleen, Jim Jennings, Marty Gleason and David Green

1. Opening Prayer was lead by Fr. Mike at 7PM.
2. Sr. Kathleen:
 - a- Gave a report on the fifth graders at St. Francis School who shared their Psalm booklet with the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur in Buffalo NY including the three Sisters who are visiting from Rwanda and studying English. The students also corresponded with the Sisters and have received responses all written in good English!
 - b- Gave thanks for the efforts of so many people who were involved in the Easter Week liturgy; and
 - c- Presented Jim Jennings of the Notre Dame Club to the PC.
3. Jim Jennings (subbing for Tom Loosbrock) requested permission for the Notre Dame club to run a test of a program in a cd format entitled "Persevering in Prayer" in the Family Center on May 13 at 9:00am. This series includes definition of prayer, methods, and suggestions for coping with difficulties. Two priests and a campus minister from ND are the main presenters. The council approved this request and asked that an evening program be provided for those who could not attend the morning session. Ron Naumann plans to be at the meeting on May 13.
4. Maria Elena described the Apr. 24 visit by Mexican Consulate personnel to meet with members of the Hispanic community to review their Mexican personal documentation. Large numbers attended and the event ran well into the evening.
5. David Green provided background on Osprey Village, a non-profit group home for intellectually and developmentally challenged adults established in the Low Country in 2008. David asked that Osprey Village be included in the Planned Giving Program currently offered by St. Francis. There was no action taken on the subject. It is suggested that this item be included in the agenda for the next meeting under Old Business.
6. Ben Letizia reported that 7 individuals were now approved as qualified candidates for 5 available PC positions: Errol (ET) Morrison, Lois McCue, Theodore (Ted) Druhot, Anne Derepentigny, Pat Druffner, Anne Dice and Eleanor Bell. Resumes for all candidates are in the hands of current PC members. An informal social and informational gathering of all the candidates and members of the nominating committee and PC is planned for Thursday evening, 4/29.

7. Parish Picnic possibilities were discussed. Fr. Mike suggested that, if we do it at all, we should do it in the fall. With concern for budget, Ron said he, working with Stewardship committee, would research picnic budget and come up with an estimate. This is suggested as an Old Business agenda item at the next meeting.
8. Marty Gleason, Chair of Finance Committee, was warmly welcomed. Marty reported:
 - ~ Our actual revenue and expenses are close to our budget for the 9 months ended 3/31/10;
 - ~ We are in process of creating the 2010/2011 operating budgets; and
 - ~ We completed financing for the multipurpose building with a \$500,000 loan from the Diocese, which will be repaid as pledges are received from parishioners.
 - ~ The finance committee is concerned about the total depletion of reserves. In the event of an emergency such as the need to replace our ac system, funds would not be available.
9. Maureen Schaerfl addressed the status of the Parish Newsletter. A lack of communicated response to the Newsletter was noted.
10. Samaritan Ministry will find more candidates to serve. There is now more food available in the freezer than there are candidates. Other local groups, (such as CS&J and Deep Well) should be contacted also for candidates. Need coordination. By the May meeting, we need a report from Jennifer Baker (who is leaving the coordinator job in the HAPIN meals program) on clients about who is served.
11. Closing prayer by Sr. Kathleen.

Henry Fox
Substituting for Jamie Baker