

St. Francis-By-the-Sea Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the Meeting, October 27, 2008

Present: Sr. Kathleen Kane, Peters, Timperman, Boyle, Doria-Medina, Schaerfl, Staub, Baker, Doyle, Mack, Cunniff, Naumann.

Sr. Kathleen opened the meeting with a Prayer for the Reunion, at 7PM. She passed her report to the General Discussion.

The minutes of the Sept. 22nd meeting were approved as presented.

Bob Doyle reported on the PPC Planning Meeting, which produced a 15 page document, provided electronically to each member, for study and action. He noted that responsibility had been assigned for each area/effort to one or more PPC members. They need not *run* each project, but should *stimulate* those who do, and report quarterly on progress, beginning at the January 2009 meeting.

- Bob Peters expressed concern for the area of Community Building, in particular reaching out to convert "attenders" into "participants."
- Bob Doyle explained that there has been some contact with a firm of consultants on the subject of "engaging" parishioners about which we will hear more, attached to these minutes. He also hopes and expects that a well-developed questionnaire, properly administered, will help a great deal in this area.

Maureen Schaerfl reported on progress of the 25th Anniversary Festivities:

- The Dec. 7th "Recognition Luncheon" for founding members (here prior to 1987) has already generated more than 50 inquiries. Sr. suggested it be move to after the 12:15 Mass to avoid interference with the RCIA "Rite of Welcome." Agreed.
- The schoolchildren are getting involved in various ways.
- A Parish Picnic is planned for August 2009. A Dinner Dance is planned for the "Fall," to coincide with and celebrate the completion of the new Gym building. (Before Christmas.) This is of course contingent on that completion.

- An outdoor Mass at the Crazy Crab is being investigated.

Bob D. requested and assigned volunteers to "Man" (or Woman) the PPC table at the Ministry Fair. There seemed to be enough.

Mario D-Medina reported on the "Immigration Question:" The Latin-American Council has been replaced by the American Immigration Reform Coalition. They will share concerns and possible solutions, primarily trying to influence Human Rights and Legislation. Several local churches are represented thus far, including Holy Family. He suggested that SFBTS should be represented, preferably by a native-born American. Bob will discuss with Fr. Mike.

Old Business: Members photos for the Website. Bob was referred by all to check with Terry (photographer in each case.)

- Envelopes are *in* the packets for Debt Reduction. Anticipated 18 months, +/-.
- There is a (temporary) Diocesan moratorium on construction. Fr. Mike has reason to believe we will still be able to commence right after Jan 1st.
- Jamie Baker pointed out that it will take that long to finish specs and permitting, etc.
- The possible implications were obvious to all present.

New Business: Bob shared two letters with the members that had been received from parishioners.

- Diane Boyle expressed that she had found this Parish by far the most welcoming of any of the several in which she has lived.
- At Bob Doyle's suggestion, we agreed to meet for Nov. on Dec. 1st, then skip to Jan. 12th 2009, and every 4th Monday of the Month thereafter.

Maureen closed with an Anniversary Poem, in the form of a Prayer, written by Bob Hamel, a parishioner.

It was only a little after 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Naumann, Recorder.