

MINUTES OF
February 22, 2010 PPC MEETING

Attendees: Father Mike, Father Chris, Sister Kathleen, Ron Naumann, James Baker, Maureen Schaerfl, Ben Letizia, John Staub, Henry Fox, John Markey, Bob Peters, Jo Timperman

- 1) Opening Prayer was lead by Fr. Mike Oenbrink at 7PM
- 2) January 25, 2010 minutes were approved as emailed
- 3) Sr. Kathleen Report, Update from Liturgy Committee (Henry Fox and John Staub)- The Rite of Election was held at the Cathedral in Charleston, and was very crowded with candidates. The fifth graders at St. Francis are writing Psalm prayers for the infirmed Sisters of St. Mary Namur (Sr Kathleen's order)- Maureen Schaerfl thought that project would make a great article for The Miscellany, and suggested they be contacted.
- 4) Hispanic Ministry Report, Maria Elena and Ana- no report
- 5) Samaritan Ministry Update- Leigh Bullen and Deacon Pat
Deacon Pat offered that the ministry is currently focusing on three areas- a) Friendly Visitors, where parish volunteers visit the homebound, b) Bereavement Support, where support is offered (through a professional parish member acting as facilitator) for those looking for someone to talk to after losing a family member or friend, and c) a new blood pressure screening program beginning in March for interested parishoners. The Bereavement Support information will be placed in the bulletin for several weeks, and the blood pressure screening program will be announced at Mass.

Several PPC members questioned if there were similarities with the already-established Stephens Ministry program, and thought it may be worthwhile to compare the programs for areas of overlap.

- 6) Old Business
 - a) Athletic Committee Update- Jamie Baker reported that there was substantial interest by the parishoners in a variety of adult athletic opportunities which would make use of the new multi-purpose building. Currently potential candidates are being sought who would be interested in

getting some formal programs started.

b) Parish Newsletter update- Maureen Schaerfl reported that a draft copy for the next newsletter is still not available, although the print date was to be 3/5. Current plan is to try to have newsletter ready sometime before Easter. Expected articles for next edition include introduction to new Parish Administrator Dion Jenks, Deacon Matt, the RCIA program, Cheryl Durden, and the new multi-purpose building.

Maureen offered an example of another newsletter done in-house by another Parish, which could be done at less cost.

c) Discussion of amendments to PPC guidelines/Ad Hoc committee/Nominating committee- Ben Letizia ran through the new PPC guidelines and processes as amended by the ad hoc committee. After a brief discussion, **it was decided that the new guidelines would be approved by email vote before the next meeting, after the final changes were circulated to PPC members.**

d) Update on entrance keypad issue- the PPC has asked the Facilities committee to proceed with reasearching the feasibility and cost of retrofitting an entrance keypad and handicap access automatic door to one of the sanctuary entrance doors

e) other old business- Bob Peters asked for approval to purchase 25 personalized name badges for those in the Greeters Ministry. It was decided that personalized badges would not be purchased by the parish (although they could be done privately), but generic "Greeter" badges could be.

Sr. Kathleen reminded everyone for the need for many greeters for the Easter Masses, and for those Greeters to arrive early.

7) New Business- Jo Timperman reminded everyone to signup for the Parish Directory photographs, which have started.

8) Closing Prayer was lead by Fr Chris.