

Minutes of May 27th PPC Meeting

Attendees: Fr. Chris, Bob Peters, Steve Cuniff, Diane Hyland, John Mack, John Staub, Sr. Kathleen Kane, Bob Doyle, John Grindstaff, Mario Doria-Medina, Jo Timperman, Maureen Schaerfl

- 1) Opening Prayer was led by Fr. Chris
- 2) The April minutes were approved as written.
- 3) Sr. Kathleen Report: Small Church Communities were featured in The Miscellany. The article included quotes from several parishioners about our parish small church communities. St. Michael's (Garden City) does a start up of communities every Lent. At a meeting, Sr. Kathleen made a presentation on Mysteries of the Rosary featuring the Luminous Mysteries issued by Pope John Paul II. She noted that the recent Confirmation service of 55 candidates has been the best by far.
- 4) 25th Anniversary Activity: Maureen Schaerfl noted that a new online feature of The Miscellany called Parish Life is featuring interesting stories. Our recent picnic article includes a picture, in the online article. The success of the picnic brought up a motion and second that a Spring Parish Picnic become an annual event. The PPC approved this unanimously.
- 5) Ministry Leadership Reports: Each group offered their respective updates.

Leadership/ Communication/ Facilities: Bob Doyle - As a follow up to last months' suggestion about someone tracking repair and maintenance issues, it was noted that Mike Pope of the Finance Council is the Facilities Rep.

Christian Formation: M. Schaerfl/ J. Baker - Better communication from the school is appearing in the bulletin.

Prayer & Worship - No report

Stewardship: S. Cuniff/J. Mack – Breakdown of parish social outreach figures was given. The gross figure of \$160,000 is 10% of parish collections. John noted they are developing a budget for planned giving and he will assist his replacement in preparing the draft. Figures will be available soon.

Evangelization, Community Building and Social Outreach had no reports.

6) Old Business:

Nominating Committee Report - Jamie Baker announced that 3 confirmed candidates have submitted biographies. They are John Markey, Ben Letizia and Kim Carr. There should be 5 or 6 confirmed candidates before the election.

Multi-Purpose Facility update - With diocesan approval, the contract was signed May 22nd and Tom Loosbrock was authorized to proceed. Actual building will begin June 1st with 8 months until completion. We have \$5.15 million to date. Fr. Mike deserves credit for handling the proposed project plans well, following rules and guiding it to approval during a building moratorium.

Quarterly Newsletter Update - Mary Frances Peery agreed to be the parish coordinator for the Newsletter and Deacon Don McArdle will be the parish liaison. The newsletter will be a trial vehicle for putting out surveys. Summer publication may not be the best time but the date is up to the Stewardship committee and Mary Frances Peery. Letter from pastor will be included in each issue. Question was raised about a Spanish translation edition.

Update 2009 Action Plan – Bob Doyle asked that updates regarding the action plan and notes be gotten to him, with submittals following the same format as last update. Bob will reissue the sample format and identify who should be reporting on which items. Most action items should be complete. The updated plans can serve as a basis for next year's PPC plan.

7) New Business:

Integration with Hispanic Community - Bob Peters raised the issue regarding ways to improve interaction between our Spanish brethren and the rest of the parish. An extended discussion followed, including enlightening remarks from Fr. Chris regarding parishes where he has been stationed, which also had Hispanic members. Steve Cunniff, Sr. Kathleen and Mario also offered different experiences and remarks regarding this issue. Fr. Chris agreed to write up a summary of his thoughts and experiences on this topic. Mario agreed to do some further work by talking to members of the Hispanic community. The topic was tabled and will be discussed as part of June meeting.

Adoration Chapel Renovation - Jo Timperman presented a revised estimate for the Adoration Chapel "facelift" of \$21,457.00 as presented on copies of proposal submitted to council members. This major improvement will be reviewed at the next meeting and Jo will have drawings of the proposed new appearance. Pastoral Council will make decision and move to secure financing if project is approved.

The next PPC meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 22nd at 7:00 pm

8) Closing Prayer was led by Fr. Chris.

Submitted by M. Schaerfl for R. Naumann