

MINUTES of
October 26, 2009 PPC MEETING

Attendees: Sr Kathleen, R Naumann, J Baker, M Schaerfl, B Letizia, H Fox, J Timperman, B Peters, K Carr, J Markey, J Staub, M E Salazar, A Locascio

- 1) Opening Prayer was led by Sr Kathleen
- 2) September Minutes were approved by voice vote
- 3) Sr. Kathleen Report- Sr Kathleen informed the PPC of the work a Sister of her Order is doing in Rwanda, along with an article about Sr Genevieve Uwamariya. Sr also reported that planning has begun for families to sign up for the Advent wreath lighting, and the carrying of the infant Jesus to the crib at Mass. Ron suggested a brief monthly report at the PPC meeting be made going forward regarding activity at the Liturgy committee, which Sr Kathleen is a member of. Some PPC members offered concerns regarding the lack of appropriate dress by the head of the music ministry at Mass, and it was suggested that Fr Mike should address this with him directly.
- 4) 25th Anniversary activity update- Maureen Schaerfl reported an excellent turnout for the Mass offered by Bp Guglielmone, and that he had sent a letter of thanks. Plans for the 25th anniversary Mass and brunch at The Crazy Crab are progressing well, and help is needed for ticket distribution after Masses. Maureen is working with Bill Burger on a summary of all of the 25th anniversary planning, for future use as a guideline for similar parish celebrations. As the 25th anniversary year draws to a close, this will be the final regular activity report at the PPC meetings.
- 5) Newsletter Discussion- Leigh Bullen expanded on his previous discussion about the Parish Newsletter, and how it is set up by the company in GA which produces it. Primarily it is a stewardship newsletter, with four articles per issue directly pertaining to our parish. All agreed there were some problems with the first issue, but it is everyone's intent to try to correct them and move forward. To that end, the following items

were agreed on:

- Jack Wilfore will be taking pictures for the newsletter going forward
- Mary Frances Peery is the 'point person' from the Communications Committee, and will be the only point of communication with the publisher. Her role is an organizational one, not a decision maker for content.
- Final article decisions are to come from Fr Mike, with suggestions and guidance from the PPC and other ministries. Ron suggested that the Parish should funnel content ideas through the PPC for Fr Mike's final approval, and then send them on to Mary Frances for publication. Fr Mike wants to maintain a theme for consecutive articles, primarily vocations as that is our current area of focus.
- Final proofreading is to be done by Fr Mike, John Holstein, and Maureen Schaerfl, and then by Mary Frances.
- Ron suggested that Fr Mike might provide a "Pastor's Letter" for each issue, and that the next issue should have a profile of Fr Mike, information about the Parish Directory, and an "introduction" to the publication itself- i.e. what it's purpose and goals are.

Leigh offered that we have 3 more issues under contract with the publisher, although we did reserve the right to cancel the contract if we weren't happy with it. The general sentiment of the PPC was that we don't really want a stewardship newsletter, but rather a "news" newsletter. However, all agreed to continue the effort to make improvements going forward, and make this project a success.

6) Old Business

a) New parish photo directory- Jo Timperman provided the new schedule from Lifetouch, the company producing the directory. Pictures will be taken through the spring, with completion by May 31. The PPC voted to recommend Fr Mike approve and sign the contract.

7) New Business

a) Approval was given to renew the Divorced, Separated, and Widowed Ministry

b) Baptismal Font Relocation- the Baptismal font was relocated due to concerns from the Fire Marshal. There was some concern about the need for a railing at the new font location, and that it was recommended by our insurance company. A motion was approved by the PPC to ask the Deacons review the Baptismal ceremony, and specifically how that pertains

to the need for the rail.

c) Update from Facilities committee- Jamie Baker brought the PPC up to date about a letter from Dannie Haines asking about a keypad entry and Adoration hours, this is being investigated by the Facilities committee- as is the possibility of upgrading the HVAC controls in Family Center and church. Also, a the proposal from Palmetto Electric for new parking lot lighting was reviewed, and the PPC voted for its approval.

d) Deacon Pat presented his request for the new Samaritan ministry, which was approved by the PPC. It was agreed that investigation would continue on the possibility of combining this with, or at least working closely with, the HAPIN meals program. All volunteers for this new ministry are to have Virtus training.

e) The safety issue with location of CS&J office in school building was discussed, and the PPC shares the concerns of school parents who have commented on the situation. The PPC offered to assist with researching alternatives if requested.

f) Discussion of new monthly update on Hispanic community- There was excellent feedback from Parishoners on the combination of Anglo and Hispanic choirs for the Bishop's Mass, and the PPC agreed that this should be encouraged more often. As a reminder, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is upcoming, and participation by all is encouraged.

g) Report on progress with ad hoc committee for nominations/amending by-laws: Discussion will be at next mtg.

h) Ron offered that Fr Mike would like a permanent 'meet and greet' time with the Priests after Mass, but that time was at a premium because of the need to re-purify the sacred vessels between Masses. The PPC recommended asking the Deacons for support by handling the purifications, so that Fr Mike and Fr Chris would have more time between Masses to spend time with parishoners.

8) The date for last PPC meeting of 2009 will be sometime in early December, when Fr Mike is available. **UPDATE: The next PPC meeting will be 11/30 at 7PM.**

9) Closing Prayer was led by Sr Kathleen