

MINUTES OF  
January 25, 2010 PPC MEETING

Attendees: Father Mike Oenbrink, Sister Kathleen Kane, Ron Naumann, James Baker, Henry Fox, Maria Elena Salazar, Maureen Schaerfl, Klm Carr, Jo Timprman, Ben Letizia, John Staub, John Markey

- 1) Opening Prayer (7 PM) was led by Fr Mike
- 2) Acknowledgement that Dion Jenks has begun work as new Parish Administrator
- 3) November 30th, 2009 Minutes were approved unanimously
- 4) Sr. Kathleen Report- Sr Kathleen reported that members of her community (Sisters of St. Mary of Namur) were actively assising with relief efforts in Haiti in the wake of the earthquake there, specifically caring for wounded religious sisters there. Also the St. Francis Lenten calendar was nearly complete for distribution.
- 5) Hispanic Ministry Report- Maria Elena reported that one of the altar servers in our Hispanic community at St. Francis has entered the seminary. This is the first time a priestly vocation has been pursued by a parishoner from St. Francis
- 6) Jim Hyland and John Zmarzly gave an update on the Kairos Ministry. The primary goal of Kairos is to build small Christian groups among prisoners, in an effort to prepare them for their ultimate release. The next Walk to increase awareness and participation in Kairos will be 4/28, and led by parishoner Bill McGyver. Of note is that the recidivism rate among prisoners participation in Kairos is about 15%, compared to more than a 50% rate as a whole.
- 7) Old Business
  - a) Update on Columbarium managment by Samaritan ministry- it was agreed that that ministry would begin oversight of the Columbarium as part of their ministry.
  - b) Feedback forms for Parish Newsletter- 24 responses were turned

in, which is about 1% of parish families. The feedback seemed to indicate the second edition was much improved, although there were concerns about cost. Most liked the articles about the various ministries, and about Fr Mike. Generally one article on stewardship was thought sufficient. It was discussed that more input and feedback was needed from parishoners, Ben Letizia will arrange for volunteers to poll in person after the next edition.

c) Discussion of amendments to PPC guidelines/Ad Hoc committee/Nominating committee- the updated guidelines and procedures were reviewed. Some changes were suggested by Fr Mike, and the guidelines will be updated. Ben Letizia noted that the nominating committee still has yet to meet, and Ron Naumann stated that the Ad Hoc committee will become the Nominating Committee.

d) other old business- Maureen Schaerfl had the completed the 25th anniversary folder, and turned it in for the PPC archives. She also had found several options on Year of the Priest speakers, although scheduling and costs posed difficulties. Maureen and Fr Mike will get together to review options in more detail.

## 8) New Business

a) Proposed St Francis facilities document- several questions and concerns were discussed, such as insurance requirements, provisions for serving alcohol, type of footwear allowed on new floor, logistics of moving chairs/tables, and scheduling coordination. James Baker will bring these issues to the Facilities committee for their use when modifying the draft document.

b) Opening plans for new multi-purpose building- the school and school board will be responsible for grand opening arrangements.

c) Need for replacement of departing PPC members- it appears there will be a need for (4) new PPC members for the next term, and the PPC should maintain (2) members from the Hispanic community. The nomination committee will meet to assemble a list

d) Update (if any) regarding status of replacement for Fr Chris- no news or update was available at this time. If a need arises, Fr Hugo Ruiz may assist with Hispanic Ministry services.

e) Fr Mike report on Priests' convocation- Fr. Mike showed the PPC a Serra Club booklet, and suggested St. Francis might consider a vocations committee. There is always plenty of room to improve discernment of vocations.

9) Closing Prayer was led by Sr Kathleen

Submitted by J Baker, recorder