

ST. FRANCIS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 23, 2006

Attendees: Fr. Michael Oenbrink, Bill Burger, Steve Cunniff, Bob Doyle, Sr. Kathleen Kane, Nathan Klein, Audrey McGovern, Rich Rochelle, Brad Simpson

Also in attendance: Denis Dice

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Fr. Mike.

- 1) The Minutes from the September 25, 2006 meeting were approved.**
- 2) Denis Dice presented an overview of the Pregnancy Center mission and operation. He indicated that they were one of the most visible proponent of Pro Life on the Island. He noted that their clients were predominantly Catholic. Their staff consists of an Executive Director, Ms. Vera Bailey, and 3 paid counselors with many volunteers. They also have part time nurses and close ties to VIM. They have received an \$11,000 grant from St. Francis Thrift Shop. Fr. Mike questioned whether they have any relationship with the Hilton Head Group for Life. Denis indicated that they were in need of additional publicity and they currently had a need for grant writers.**
- 3) Sr. Kathleen report**
 - She noted that there were a couple of articles in the Catholic Miscellany concerning St. Francis (Phyllis Atkins and the 3 Sisters).**
 - Nina McCunniff has expressed a need for younger families as ministers.**
 - She referenced an article by Fr. Daniel Harrington concerning problems in the Church (major problems: divorce rate and scandals in the priesthood).**
- 4) Bob Doyle-**
 - Gave a summary of the recent Ministry fair: 304 attendees with 127 people signed up for participation in the ministries. There is an ongoing review on how to improve for next year.**
 - Bob Doyle and Art Tonkinson are reviewing the form and process for creating new ministries. They will do an initial screening of existing "ministries" and make recommendations to classify ministries vs. activities. Subsequently this will be reviewed by the Council and approved by Fr. Mike. Existing ministries will also fill out the approved form. Bob will also review the new Ministry Directory vs. the web site info to ensure consistency.**
 - Suggested criteria for determining ministry:**
 - i. must support the parish catholic mission**
 - ii. must have identity consistent with our six areas of pastoral planning**
 - iii. must have parishioner participation**
 - iv. coordinator of ministry must be known/registered parish member**
 - v. the parish "owns" any work output of the ministry**

- vi. ultimately is recommended by the Pastoral Council and approved by the pastor.
 - Classification of ministry vs. activity will effect liability insurance coverage and legal status(ministry – insured by parish; activity – self insured)
- 5) **Brad Simpson – presented a Long Range Planning Committee update:**
- more details on building plan in 2 to 3 weeks
 - they are close to recommending a single option on a separate multipurpose building
 - March 1 is target start of capital campaign
- 6) **Old Business**
- A new Youth Group administrator (interim/part time) Allison Griswald has been appointed.
 - Tom Strub will give an update on KAIROS at the Nov. 27 Parish Pastoral Council meeting.
- 7) **New Business**
- Audrey McGovern indicated that the Women of St. Francis are going well:
 - 80 people at Sept. pot luck dinner.
 - Now have 160 members
 - October meeting/greeting with 3 nuns
 - Plan in November to ship cookies and toiletries to troops

Fr. Mike adjourned the meeting at 8:35 PM with a closing prayer.

**Next meeting will be at 7 PM on November 27, 2006.
This will be the last meeting of the year.**