

ST. Albert the Great Site Committee

“Quarterly” Report to the PSC

October 14, 2009

SAG SITE COMMITTEE Mission Statement: To create an effective and loving spiritual community through masses, religious education, spiritual groups, and social activities. This community will function within the larger community of St. Thomas Aquinas parish under the guidance of the parish, clergy and staff.

The SAG SITE COMMITTEE coordinates issues related to liturgies, and works closely with the Liturgy

Board and Liturgy Coordinator. We recruit, train, and organize lay ministers for SAG weekly site liturgies. These lay ministers include greeters, lectors, hospitality ministers, commentators, Eucharistic ministers, and ushers. The Committee is also involved with issues concerning both the interior and exterior of the site building. We meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month following the 9 AM mass.

Site Committee Chair: Susan Adams / Patricia Briggs

Parish Stewardship Council Representative: Kathleen Hart

Liturgy Committee Representative: Patricia Briggs 50th Anniversary Chair: Rachel Alvalais

Events / Action Items since the Annual Report

1. SAG 50th Anniversary Planning-Rachel Alvalais is the Planning Committee chair. On July 12, we had a planning meeting to plan the Planning Meeting. The Big Planning Meeting took place September 19th at the Hospitality Center to generate ideas for celebrating the 50th Anniversary. Rachel said there were some good ideas; they have yet to type them up. It has been decided to highlight one theme each month of the year; and we're using the liturgical year. So, the celebration starts during the 2010 Advent Season with a Christmas caroling event and Christmas craft sale. In January we would like to tie in with the Catholic School Week and Science Fair Week, seeing as St. Albert was a scientist (chemist and astronomer). A reunion of couples who married at SAG will take place near / on the Feast of St. Valentine. A reunion of the school alumni is planned for the summer of 2011. A performance of Godspell is in the planning stages; the director (Patricia Briggs) is awaiting rights to the script. The play is tentatively scheduled for April 2011, and will be performed by our parish youth and St. Elizabeth Seton students. Still awaiting information about the dates, and are there different dates (opening vs. dedication?), and still trying to locate a program of the event. Sister Adella is in charge of a Historic Display. Rick Schulz has a draft of the history of SAG and is looking to collect more. We would like to identify the stained glass windows. Any ideas, thoughts, or knowledge of any history concerning SAG is most welcome. Rachel would love to have a link on our parish website about the anniversary for people to post ideas and to trigger memories...

2. On September 26th, we threw a little Get to Know Fr. Thierry party / hospitality following the 5 PM mass. Rachel Alvelais and Linda Ballard were the primary organizers, and Linda introduced us to the benefits of setting up a jooners account for the event.
3. The first Spiritual Tuesday Assembly took place here in the Hospitality Center on October 6th (Formation / Information) and was about The Catholic Response to Teen Suicide. The event included a panel of youth and experts, and also audience questions and comments. 52 people attended.
4. Phil Coates, from the Communications committee, visited us at our last meeting to explain the idea he and Mary Sullivan have been toying with for a St. Thomas Aquinas Magazine. They intend the magazine to embrace everyone in our parish and St. Elizabeth Seton School, and to be bright and colorful with pictures and stories. He wants any youth or kids who have an interest in communications / journalism to get involved with the reporting and writing of the articles. He's requesting 6 inputs / ideas from each site by the end of October. They'll start with one (a pilot), and if successful, hope to publish about 3 a year. philcoa@comcast.net
5. One of our members noticed some confusion at the altar one Sunday, and suggested we need a "refresher course" for the EM's and Lectors. Another member noted a casualness at the altar. So, Pat Keicher took the comprehensive list of duties that Jim Chinn created some time ago, and she revised it into a draft entitled Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. It includes some reminders of procedure and suggestions for attire, etc.
6. We're scheduled to set up the Table of Remembrance at 5 PM, November 2nd. Susan Adams suggested including some cards on the table so people who don't have photos of lost loved ones could make a card for the table. The children can also get involved with making cards. Her goal is to make the table easier for more people to participate. Also, since it is the Year of the Priest, she would like to get names of priests that have served at St. Albert / St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, and get their names in a book to place on the table.
7. We are updating our contact list as we have had some turnover in the past few months.
8. Important dates- past and upcoming- at SAG
 - October 4th St. Francis Pledge and Blessing of the Animals
 - October 17th & 18th Time and Talent / Stewardship
 - November 1st the 4th Graders All Saints play, organized by Linda Ballard
 - November 2nd at 5 PM Table of Remembrance set up
 - November 14th Mass of Remembrance (5 PM)