

PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Minutes for the PSC Meeting on January 9th 2008 7:00 PM St Albert the Great Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS Present:

Fr. Tony Medina (Parochial Vicar)	Juanita Marquez (Hispanic Leadership Team)
Bud McKenna (Facilities)	Micky Martin (Liturgy)
Susan Adams (SAG Site)	Gerard McGuire (Adult Spiritual Development)
Helen Baumann (STA site)	Jeanne Ramos (Community Life)
Laura Chiu (OLR Site)	Nichole Khan (Communications)
Mary Beth Lefebvre (Youth Ministry)	Walt Lundin (representing Human Concerns Committee)
Jerry Lucha (Catechetical Board)	
Rick Barry (Finance Committee)	

Guests: Michael McDevitt, Deacon Carl Bunje

PROLOGUE

Bud called the meeting to order at 7:05pm. The council meeting opened with a prayer and a faith sharing session. Council members shared moments in their lives when and how they learned to depend on other people. Bud then asked for the approval of the agenda, with a small change to have the Adult Spiritual Development committee present the Parish Level Retreat discussion after the Pastor's Report (as given by Father Tony). The motion was passed to accept the Agenda as revised. Chuck Tully with open Faith Sharing discussion at the February council meeting. The December Council minutes with the attachments were then approved after a few minor spelling changes.

Comments from PSC Members and/or other Guests

Liturgy Board Items: Mickey announced that there is a Youth Mass on Sunday Evening 1/12, coordinated by Rob Manfrey and committee. Jean Ramacciotti is having the Rite of Welcoming on 1/13 at 9am at St. Albert the Great for RCIA. There is a possibility to have one baptism. Ash Wednesday is on February 6th, and Anointing of the Sick will be taking place at all sites. Dates will be in the bulletins/e-bulletins.

Moment of Silence and prayer: Gerard reminded everyone of their last interaction at the December council meeting with Tom Jaworowski prior to his unexpected passing, and asked for a moment of silence. Bud reminded the council of a memorial service to take place on 1/12 at St. Albert the Great. Tom will be greatly missed in our parish community.

Community Life: is having an all-parish potluck in honor of newcomers at the parish. There are 182 new parishioner families to invite to the potluck. This is to take place 1/26 following the 5pm mass at St. Albert the Great.

PAROCHIAL VICAR REPORT

Given by Father Tony

The Memorial Mass for Tom Jaworowski: will take place on Saturday 12th at St. Albert the Great with a reception to follow.

The ADA season is here: Father Tony received the first envelope today. Last week was the "kick-off" with the Diocesan Appeal to the parishioners that took place during the Homilies at the masses; office staff spoke during the homily to ask for support. This coming Sunday (January 13th) is the Pledge Sunday, this first day of the ADA season. Last year, the ADA was absorbed in the Capital Campaign. As a result, the parish did not receive the ADA rebate. This happens when the parish exceeds the goal amount. The goal amount for 2008 is \$116,520, and letters have been sent out to all registered parishioners.

Newcomer's potluck: as announced by Jeanne Ramos, will take place on January 26th.

Retreat: Father Tony will be attending a Franciscan House in Malibu for a week retreat to share ministry life with priests in other diocese and religious communities.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Archivist Update: Mary Beth sent an email to all PSC council members with a form to take back to the ministries, committees, and sites. The feedback obtained from parishioners will help the council determine the amount of material that exists, and if ministry leaders would support the archivist project. The form deadline is January 28th.

PSC Retreat Update: The retreat will take place on Saturday, May 17th at the Crown Plaza. Susan asked the council to begin thinking of ministry representatives that would attend the retreat.

PSC ministry Rep Replacements: Bud reminded the council that it's about the time to think about the ministry representatives that will rotate out of the council. Bud passed out a matrix that represents the ministry representatives who, by right, can step down from their responsibilities.

Parish Annual Report progress: There is a noticeable amount of picture-taking, and elaborate ministry reports. Bud once again passed out the Annual Report matrix as a friendly reminder for our responsibilities for the months of December, January and February.

SAG Baptismal Font: Susan brought a picture of the font to the council. She was unable to bring the reproductions from the liturgical design artist. The picture was provided by the architect, and made from a machine. Bud took the picture, and altered the colors to make the font as realistic as possible. Nicole and the Communications Committee will use the font pictures to mount and display at all the sites and Pastoral Center.

NEW BUSINESS

Parish Level Retreat

Gerard McGuire from the Human Spirituality Committee is interested to move forward with a previously discussed idea for an "All-Parish" Retreat. Faith Formation is a critical part of parish life. For the Pastoral Stewardship council, Faith Sharing is incorporated as a normal process to the meetings, and this should extend to the parish community and retreats. Gerard invited Michael McDevitt to speak further about the tools necessary for a successful retreat. Michael is part of an organization that meets with parishes to help

put together a community retreat. The parish creates a "core group", who takes leadership and works as a team to create a highly successful faith sharing, community-based retreat.

Michael McDevitt went over the different types of retreats the organization helps with, as well as the tools necessary for this kind of project. The council took the opportunity to ask questions and comment on the presentation. Bud asked the council if they would be interested to watch a 15-minute instructional DVD at one of the next council meetings, with additional time for discussion (per Mary Beth's request). Upon more discussion, the council will be able to determine if the parish can benefit from the organization (The Mystical Humanity of Christ).

MINISTRY REPORTS

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Attachment included)

Rick presented highlights from financial reports, ending in December 2007. The council went over budgetary accounts in different financial areas for the parish. While the collection numbers may seem lower, in actuality per Bud (and Chuck), parishioners often offer their Christmas donations out in early/mid January; those numbers would not be immediately available. Additional discussion of the terms and department/positions helped to better understand **basic summarized** financial accounts with regards to rental income, maintenance fees, church/hall banquet fees, and administrative staff pay.

HUMAN CONCERNS (Attachment included)

Presented by Walt Lundin

Walt presented a list of highlighted events from the Human Concerns Committee (SEE ATTACHED REPORT). There is a lot of effort put into the website to update parishioners. Walt encourages the council to enter the Human Concerns website, as there is a wealth of information for the community. As it stands the Human Concerns Committee is still in need of a Chairman, a replacement for Tom Jaworowski, and a person to lead the Social Justice Deanery Liaison.

Gerard McGuire expressed his concern over a comment at Tom Jaworowski's funeral mass, when a member of the mass stated that St. Thomas Aquinas Parish seemed an "invisible" community. The council discussed the possible ways that the parish and Pastoral Stewardship Council can help to take a stand on important social and political issues.

HISPANIC LEADERSHIP TEAM (Attachment included)

The attachment reflects the highlighted events in the Hispanic community since July 2008. The confirmation classes are consistently attending; the largest group attending is the pre-confirmation group. Thanks go out to Father Tony for his participation as speaker for a Saturday retreat with the confirmation group. There are additional ideas for adult catechesis on Sunday (at the same time as children's catechesis classes). The Hispanic Youth ministry is actively participating at Our Lady of the Rosary, and there are upcoming fundraising events for future conferences and retreats. Father Tony added that recent events have allowed St. Thomas Aquinas parish to connect with other parishes in the Diocese. Hopefully, the connection with the parishes will unify the Diocese even more.

CLOSURE

Prior to the closure of the meeting, Nicole announced she is working on a program with Mary Sullivan. They are taking testimonials on parishioner's experiences with Angels, and would appreciate the council's contributions. The testimonial will be a part of a program, to be presented at a Burning Bush talk.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Plan 15 minutes time at the next council meeting to watch the DVD (with time for discussion)
2. Take archivist project form back to respective ministries for feedback.
3. Consider ministry participants to attend the PSC Retreat.
4. Council members to look over Annual Report matrix responsibilities for the month of January.
5. Communications committee to take photographs of the Font and display at various sites.

ATTACHMENTS (Hardcopy will be available)

- a. Agenda for January council meeting
- b. Financial Committee Quarterly Report
- c. Human Concerns Quarterly Report
- d. Hispanic Leadership Team Quarterly report

Next Meeting Date/Time

Wednesday February 13th at St. Albert the Great Hall 7pm

Ministries to Report:

- Community Life
- Catechetical Board
- Adult Spirituality
- Faith Sharing: Chuck Tully