

PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Minutes for the PSC Meeting on February 13th 2008 7:00 PM St Albert the Great Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS Present:

Fr. George Aranha (Pastor)	Juanita Marquez (Hispanic Leadership Team)
Fr. Tony Medina (Parochial Vicar)	Micky Martin (Liturgy)
Bud McKenna (Facilities)	Rick Barry (Finance Committee)
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)	Chuck Tully (Business Manager)
Jerry Lucha (Catechetical Board)	Ruth Chippendale (temp. rep for human Concerns)

Guests: Walt Lundin, Marguerite Purcell

PROLOGUE

Bud called the meeting to order at 7:07pm. Chuck Tully opened a Faith Sharing Session with a prayer, and a discussion/acknowledgment of the volunteers in the community. Bud and Nicole added to the discussion by speaking about sacrifice for lent; sometimes, lent is not about denying and sacrifice, but about extending one's self, and contributing. Bud asked for the approval of the agenda, and the motion was passed. Father Tony will open Faith Sharing discussion at the March council meeting. The January council minutes with the attachments will be looked over and approved for the March council meeting.

Comments from PSC Members and/or other Guests

Temporary Replacement: Ruth Chippendale has offered to act as a temporary representative for the Human Concerns Committee.

Parishioner news: Micky announced to the council that parishioner Elaine Donald passed away in her sleep earlier today.

"Undie" Sunday: Walt announced that new clothes such as socks, undergarments and t-shirts will be graciously accepted on February 15-16th.

2nd tamale sale: There will be a second tamale sale organized by the Hispanic Youth ministry to raise money for ministry leaders to attend RECongress 2008 in Los Angeles.

Petitions during Family Mass: Marguerite had noticed that perhaps children have a difficult time relating to the petitions given by the church. She suggested that the children could prepare their own petitions for the Family Mass. Mary Beth agrees that this is a good idea; however, there is no time to prepare the petitions. This takes hard work, and preparation, possibly every day.

PAROCHIAL VICAR REPORT

ADA Update: As the council is aware, ADA has started early this year. This is normally an 8 week process, and the actual amount raised to date is \$110,577 with two weeks left (This is currently \$6,000 less than the goal). It's important to remember that any amount that goes over the goal amount will go back to the parish. Father George and Father Tony have noted that the number of donors has dropped considerably. This is a trend that has been continuing for the past few years. Jerry Lucha believes it's not too

late for a final ADA "push"; make the announcements, and pass out envelopes, while focusing on the number of parishioner donors, not the dollar amount. Father Tony added that the downward trend could be an effect from the Capital Campaign last year, and further research could help determine the cause.

Burning Bush for February: There are 4 sessions planned at Our Lady of the Rosary, typically to take place the 4th Sunday of the month. The next Burning Bush, however, takes place on March 9th at 3pm. The topic will be Myths, Trivia and Beliefs.

Next travel tour: The next travel tour date with Father George is October 28th-November 7th. Destination: Greece. 2008 is the year of St. Paul, and Father George will commemorate this occasion by reading the letters of St. Paul 4-6 prior to the trip, as well as taking the occasion to arrive at the Steps of St. Paul.

Volunteer appreciation Day: All volunteers are invited, and Volunteer Appreciation Day takes place on Saturday February 16th. The parish paid staff will be serving the volunteer staff (with the exception of Mary Sullivan). This is an RSVP event.

Font Update: Initially, the font was scheduled to be completed by Easter. Work on the font will now begin the day after Easter. This will take about 3 months to complete, as a Monday-Friday endeavor, and will be enclosed for the weekend masses. Completion of the Font project cannot go into the summer (due to School Science lab).

Multi-lingual masses: Father George would like to implement multi-lingual liturgies as a model that reflects multi-ethnic communities is Palo Alto. This would affect the 3 major liturgies: Thanksgiving, Holy Thursday and Easter. The liturgies can be given in various languages, with the English translations on screen (or vice versa). Future evaluations will determine the success of the masses.

Anointing of the Sick: There has been positive feedback. The Anointing of the Sick was provided at all mass services.

OLD BUSINESS

Parish Archivist Update: Mary Beth compiled the feedback from the ministries. One of the main conclusions is that the need is there. There is, however, no urgency or priority. Further resources are needed. Susan added that people are moving away, or passing away. Walt added that parishioners may not have the material in their possession any longer. Jerry believes that if the material is not physically seen, there might not be a point to continue. Though the parish is doing well, financially, Rick did point out the parish's many expenses. Money should not necessarily be the driver, but the council has to consider the many expenses that the parish deals with. After a lengthy discussion over the pro's and cons, the council did agree that the majority believe the archivist project is a good, solid idea. The archivist project can jump-start by having parishioners gather everything that exists into one room. Mary Beth put the question out to the council. Should they take a break and stop, or push forward? Susan agreed- the council needs to take a stand. Rick asked to make a motion to bring the material together. Bud put the motion on the floor to create a parish central location to bring historical data. The motion is passed to establish a single location for the parish archive. Bud also put a motion to spend (and not to exceed) \$500 for archiving boxes.

Adult Spiritual Development: Parish Level Retreat: Due to time constraints, the instructional DVD on Parish Retreats will be postponed until the next council meeting.

PSC Mandala: There was an attempt to set up a meeting, but this has been delayed. There is not enough feedback on the current design concepts. The concept should ideally be embellished with the PSC photographs. Compliments go out to the Communication's Committee on their job placing pictures of the Font at different sites.

Thomas House Renovation: Helen asked for guidance from the PSC members. Bud believes that based on the building inspection and estimates, the council has heard enough information to make a decision on the Thomas House. However, council members feel that they should get **options**. Option no 1 is to fix all important safety aspects ONLY of the Thomas House. Option 2 and 3 involve completely different renovations for rental (office or home) use, as well as meeting areas for the use of the parish. In accordance to a previous council decision, it was said that there would be 3 different concepts with 3 different estimates. Therefore, the council is not in a position to make any decision on the Thomas House Renovation.

Susan added that she is not concerned with the goal, but concerned with the approach. There will be a great amount of money invested in this project, but the money does not have to be used up all at once. After a considerable amount of discussion, Bud made a motion to fix electrical, plumbing and safety hazards. This could be considered Option no. 1. The Motion is Passed.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

MINISTRY REPORTS

COMMUNITY LIFE

The quarterly report summarized the following: the Mission Statement has been finalized. The Mass of Remembrance was a nice addition for parishioners. Also, Jeanne reminded the council that Community Life likes to sponsor groups. Groups can bring ideas to the committee in order to get them started.

The parish potluck had about 70 people in attendance. Of the 70, about 10 were new parishioners. Jeanne added it might be a good idea to consider 2 parish potlucks, and to sent invitations at the September potluck; more gatherings might bring more attendance, and invitations would have new members feel appreciated, even if they cannot attend.

Upcoming events include the Seder Dinner (which could use lots of help), RCIA at St. Albert's to welcome confirmed and baptized.

Currently, Community Life does not have a Chairman. The meetings are still carried out, but the committee is waiting for a volunteer.

CATECHETICAL MINISTRY

Jerry Lucha informed the council that Susan Clingingsmith, the Director of Religious Education has broken her arm. She is responding in a very positive manner, and has a lot of support from her family. The Religious Education program is very strong. Jerry has been attending the sessions with his grandson and daughter. The projects with the children promote family bonding and foster family fun; families are beginning to come back. Further highlights are located on the Catechetical Ministry Quarterly Report.

ADULT SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Gerard also announced the completion of the Mission Statement. There are several on-going activities, such as Baptism Catechesis, Centering Prayer, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Chinese Faith Sharing, Renew Group, and Burning Bush. There are also future events worth attending (PLEASE SEE QUARTERLY REPORT ATTACHMENT).

The all-parish retreat proposal is still under consideration, though the meeting date and times have changed due to time constraints.

CLOSURE

The PSC council meeting drew to a close with a motion passed on the Thomas House Renovations. Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Start compiling historical data for the Parish Archive Project
2. Incorporate photographs into the Mandala. Receive more input on the design concepts.
3. Thomas House- Work on the safety issues and acquire concepts/estimates.

ATTACHMENTS (Hardcopy will be available)

- a. Agenda
- b. Community Life Quarterly Report
- c. Catechetical Board Quarterly Report
- d. Adult Spirituality Quarterly Report

Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday March 12th at St. Albert the Great Hall

Ministries to Report:

- Youth Ministry Board
- Liturgy Board
- STA Site Committee
- Faith Sharing: Father Tony