

PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Minutes for the PSC Meeting on October 8th 2008
7:00 PM Our Lady of the Rosary Hall

COUNCIL MEMBERS Present:

Pastor- Fr. George Aranha	Youth Ministry- Mary Clifford
Business Manager- Chuck Tully	Liturgy- Kay Williams
STA Site- Lorraine Dabney	Hispanic Leadership- Juanita Marquez
SAG Site- Kathleen Hart	Adult Spirituality- Gerard McGuire
OLR Site- Laura Chiu	Finance- Rick Barry
Human Concerns- Ruth Chippendale	Catechetical Board- Jerry Lucha
Facilities- Bud McKenna	Communications- Phil Coates/Nicole Khan
Community Life- Jeanne Ramos	

Guests: Rob Manfrey, Helen Baumann, Marguerite Purcille, Roland Quintero, Walt Lundin, Micky Martin, Chris Lundin, Susan Clingingsmith, Michael McDevitt, Deacon Carl Bunje

PROLOGUE

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Rick Barry shared a prayer for the sick and seniors. Jerry explained to the council that he needed such a prayer after noting that simple fixtures around the house will someday not be so simple. Rick chose this prayer because of recent experiences and losses. After Faith Sharing, the agenda was looked over, and amended with a slight change. Gerard asked for the topic of the Parish Retreat to be moved up earlier in the meeting, before the Clergy Report. The agenda was approved as amended. After the approval of the Agenda, the minutes for September were distributed and looked over. There will be a change to the spelling on the architects for the Thomas House to Lippert & Lippert. The minutes for October will also clarify a statement made in the September minutes regarding the Annual Report. The September minutes state that it had been too late for the 4 ministries to turn in a ministry report for the Annual Report booklet. The October minutes will clarify that Mary Sullivan was kind enough to allow extra time for the remaining ministries to turn in their ministry reports; they are currently featured in the Annual Report. The minutes were approved as amended.

Comments from PSC Members and/or other Guests

Kay Williams stated there was a typo in the PSC phone/email directory that was passed out at the beginning of the meeting.

PARISH WIDE RETREAT

Background

The idea for a retreat was first mentioned to the council in September 2007. The idea for the retreat was postponed because the format of the retreat did not appeal to the council. The parish retreat was scheduled for discussion in December, and the discussion was postponed until the January council meeting. At the time, the council felt the retreat should be postponed until Advent. The council watched a short video presentation in March, and scheduled a tentative date in November. Ministry leaders were advised to go back to their ministries and promote the retreat. Gerard states he has made the effort to bring a retreat event to the parish.

Retreat Concerns

At the September PSC meeting, a motion was passed by the majority of the council members; in order to continue planning for the Parish wide retreat, the core group should have at least 10 active volunteers by the end of September. The parish retreat is a topic of concern at the PSC October meeting because of the plans that have been currently set in motion. Prior to the PSC meeting, the PSC executive council, along with Fr. George had understood that the core group for the parish retreat had not recruited the minimum amount of volunteers in order to begin the organization of the retreat. Jerry emailed the council to state that postponement of the retreat would again be put on the agenda. By this time, the retreat has been published in the parish bulletin, E-bulletin, and promoted at the Parish Picnic. Gerard states he has heard positive feedback and enthusiasm from the parish community. Tonight, members of the retreat core group were present at the PSC meeting, and urged the council to make a decision to proceed with the parish retreat.

Decision

Gerard passed out a timetable that the core group will use to organize the retreat. Mike McDevitt gave a run-down of the retreat topic, themes and a general outline of the events. The council had many questions and comments for Gerard and the members of the retreat core group. The core group is expecting a solid amount of 150+ attendees, and a light lunch would be provided. If there are more attendees than expected, the hospitality center can be used for additional space. One of the concerns is the fact that this event is coined a “retreat”, yet lacks the amount of time needed for reflection. The actions of the day would make this event a “faith-sharing” event. Another concern comes from Jeanne from Community Life, who will be participating in Fr. George’s trip to Greece, and she stated to the council that Community Life could help, but they could not take over the event-planning. The retreat will fall in a timely fashion, just a week from Fr. George’s return from Greece. Parishioners could also arrive a little later, or leave earlier than the schedule end time. When asked by the council if this event will be a success, Michael McDevitt, Chris Lundin, Gerard Maguire, and members of the core group are confident and agree that the retreat will be a success.

Upon a lengthy discussion, the council voted, and agreed to continue planning for the Parish Retreat, to take place on November 15th.

CLERGY REPORT- Father George

Parish Annual Report- The Parish Annual Report has been distributed. Fr. George thanked the council for all the hard work, and states that the production of the report is a way to celebrate who we are as a community. A recommendation for next year is to have more pictures, and Fr. George asked council members and guests to fill out the survey for more ideas next year.

Time & Talent- Time & Talent will take place in the next three weeks, beginning with St. Thomas Aquinas. It's the council's responsibility to be present at all masses (or to the best of their abilities), which should not be problematic, as there are plenty of active members in each ministry.

October Stewardship Honorees- 3 women (1 from each site) will be awarded. Congratulations, and big Thank You go out to Linda Ballard from St. Albert the Great site, Leslie Scarborough from Our Lady of the Rosary Site, and Mary Sullivan from St. Thomas Aquinas. Congratulations!

Election Material- The parish will be acquiring election materials this incoming weekend. As a reminder to all council members, no other material can be used.

Year of St. Paul- There have been a few talks (ie., Burning Bush) about St. Paul. Fr. George will be leaving for Greece at the end of the month of October, and has also been invited to speak to the Youth about St. Paul. It seems that the Spirit is working in the same direction!

Blessing of Animals 55 parishioners attended the blessing with their pets. There were a few unusual pets such as turtles and rats. All animals were blessed, and received medals, thanks to Susan Clingingsmith. Fr. George noted that the animals had seemed agitated and nervous until the blessing; then they stayed calm. There will be posters with pictures of the day.

MINISTRY REPORTS

FINANCE

The finance committee presented the report submitted to the Annual Report. The financial report includes a short summary at the front, and a list of the main items/items that make up the parish finances. Council members questioned the item noted as Cathedraticum, which Barry explained, is a percentage (10%) which goes back to the diocese; basically, when the collections increase, the cathedraticum increases.

YOUTH MINISTRY

The youth ministry is proud to highlight recent events- 22 youth participated in the diocesan Tahoe Youth Retreat in June. In July, Rob Manfrey participated in Fort Apache diocesan immersion trip, along with eight young adults. In August, Rob and four parish high school teen leaders attended the Deanery 2 Teen Leadership Institute. Mary mentioned that Kristy Rozsnyoi, a new hire that recently moved from San Diego, is doing a fantastic job with the youth. Mary also thanked Fr. George and Chris Lundin for their help with the Youth mass. There will be 3 upcoming Youth Masses- November 23, March 8th and May 31st. Confirmation mass with Bishop McGrath will take place on May 9th, 2009 at 5pm, at St. Albert the Great

CATECHETICAL

There is a slight increase in students this year, and new students are still registering. There are Catechists for every class, but classroom aids are always needed. Jerry is working on forming the catechetical ministry to model the PSC protocol, as requested by the bylaws. Gerard commented to the council that the book rack with faith sharing books is a great idea for the children. There will be a pulpit announcement in regards to the book rack for children as soon as the rack is organized. Small fundraisers will help replenish the books regularly.

OLR SITE

Laura gave a brief recap of OLR in the past few months. Some of the highlights include Burning Bush on Angels, which was well attended, and gave parishioners a chance to see an angel display. Micky and John Martin received a service award for their service- Congratulations Micky and John!

The youth organized a pancake breakfast fundraiser, and are continuing efforts to gather food items for advent. Other items on OLR agenda are to have the banquet hall chairs cleaned, and keep a count on the number of chairs.

OLD BUSINESS

Mandela

Juanita met with Roland Quintero, and is continuing efforts to complete the Mandela. There is much work to complete, most which includes details in portrait sizes, shading/lighting, coloring and placement. Jerry made a motion to have the Mandela completed on the terms of those who are collaborating on the design process; no approval from the council will be needed. The motion unanimously passed.

Stewardship Time & Talent Plans

Jeanne displayed a draft of the signs for each ministry. Each ministry will have ½ table to display their information. Every ministry should have volunteer sheets. Please direct any questions to Jeanne Ramos. There is a plan to get the information back to the ministries. There will be upcoming meetings to sort the volunteer sheets.

Thomas House Status

Chuck announced that the contractor Lippert & Lippert has been chosen, and the task force is currently going through the contract. The contract will be looked over and signed the next few weeks into order to move forward with the Thomas House Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Training

Bud let the council know that recent events at the sites have made it necessary for the facilities to look over emergency situations. They will consider centralized emergency training (for the parish, not for individual sites) Time & Talent will help to recruit parishioners who may have clinical, medical, or emergency training experience.

CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

ACTION ITEMS

1. All-Parish retreat; go back to respective ministries, talk to parishioners and promote the retreat.
2. Time & Talent- coordinate with ministry members; have a representative at each site and time ready with ministry information to hand out. Encourage parish-wide participation

ATTACHMENTS

- a. Agenda
- b. Finance Ministry Report
- c. Youth Ministry Ministry Report
- d. Catechetical Board Ministry Report
- e. OLR Site Ministry Report

Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday November 12th OLR Hall

Ministries to Report:

- Facilities
- Community Life
- SAG site

Faith Sharing:

- Facilities