

**PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL**  
**Minutes for the PSC Meeting on November 12, 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- STAND IN- Chris Lundin	Hispanic Leadership- Juanita Marquez
SAG Site- Kathleen Hart	Adult Spirituality- Gerard McGuire
OLR Site- Laura Chiu	Finance- STAND-IN- Bud McKenna
Human Concerns- Ruth Chippendale	Catechetical Board- Jerry Lucha
Facilities- STAND-IN- Jim McLaughlin	Communications- Phil Coates/Nicole Khan
Community Life- Jeanne Ramos	

**Guests:** Helen Baumann, Micky Martin.

**PROLOGUE**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Jim McLaughlin shared a prayer he wrote for community service. After Faith Sharing, the agenda was looked over, and approved. The minutes were then briefly looked over. There will be an amendment to a report regarding the confirmations this year. Father Bishop will not be attending the confirmation ceremony. There is an additional amendment to the attendance list. The minutes were then approved as amended.

**Stand-Ins**

Jim McLaughlin is standing in for Bud McKenna as facilities representative. Bud McKenna is standing in as finance representative. Chris Lundin is standing in a Liturgy Board Representative.

**Comments from PSC Members and/or other Guests**

Gerard: On February 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a town hall meeting with the Diocese of San Jose Green Initiative- a core group will discuss green/environmental issues, such as reusable bags, water bottles, water conservation, solar panels, and more. Gerard will let the council know once more information comes through.

Juanita: The Hispanic Young Adult group will put on a talent show on November 14<sup>th</sup> 7pm at OLR hall.

Entrance will be upon donation, and food will be sold as fundraising efforts for the young adult group.

Food Drive: Taking place for the month of November. Please participate and bring food; there is a list on the paper bags for distribution.

## **CLERGY REPORT- Father George**

**Trip to Greece-** Father George left California with 43 parishioners, and came back with the **same** 43 parishioners. The weather, tour guide, and experience had all been exceptional. Father will be happy to talk about this trip later on.

**Advent-** Advent is upon. There are lots of events coming up. There will be a Christmas mailing to keep parishioners informed. There will be new Breaking Bread books, and a new Calendar. The blue books for advent are out for distribution at all sites. They are time sensitive, so they should all be out.

**Time & Talent-** There is lots of excitement, as well as follow-up work after Time & Talent. There seems to be an increase in volunteer sign-ups. The Parish staff has noticed that other parishes have had decreasing number of volunteers, but St Thomas Aquinas is thriving. There is also an increase in confirmation candidates at each site.

**Logo Design-** Father George is interested in creating a new logo for the parish. There has not been a new logo in years, and he would appreciate design input.

### **MINISTRY REPORTS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **Time & Talent**

Now is the time to follow up with all potential new volunteers. It is extremely important to contact all new volunteers. In all, there are about 37 new volunteers; there is a breakdown where all volunteers fit in.

##### **All Parish Retreat**

There are about 125 people signed up for the retreat. Center pieces for each table have been made by catechist students. There will be nametags, handouts for all parishioners, a booklist and references, plus perks (10% coupons for Cathedral Bookstore and Our Lady of Peace Bookstore). Food has been arranged by Pasta Market, and supplies/food from Costco. Chris Lundin is working on the music for mass, and Fr. Jeronimo will help co-celebrate. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic for parking, help with Mass, and help with clean-up. The retreat has been advertised in Palo Alto Weekly. There is room for more parishioners, in case they are not signed up. There is on-site childcare available. The core group is a small team, but they are very excited.

##### **Thomas House Status**

The contract was looked over by the attorney of Diocese. The contract was returned to Chuck Tully, who forwarded the contract to Lippert. The original plan was to have the main architect work with the historical architect, however the main architect will not be available in the next few weeks. Plan B will be to speak to the Historical architect first until the main architect is available. The schedule is falling behind about 2 months at this point. Helen asked the council to keep the actions moving. St. Thomas **needs** a hospitality center. The Thomas House Renovation project will continue to be an agenda item for regular updates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Electioneering Comments**

Laura let the council know that there has been parishioner concern about a proposition that was promoted in the parish. Laura asked the council if there is a venue to discuss propositions without jeopardizing the parish protocols. Helen replied that such a question could be discussed in a Burning Bush. Father George also replied that the parish is allowed to take a stand on propositions, but not on candidates. The question to the council is: How does the parish handle parishioner opinions and oppositions that are backed by the diocese? The most straightforward answer at this point is: the parish cannot have a discussion, opposing a proposition backed by the diocese on church premises. Any concerns about this protocol, parishioners could write to the Bishop, to express their concerns.

### **CLOSURE**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- a. Agenda
- b. SAG Site Quarterly Report
- c. Community Life Quarterly Report
- d. Facilities Quarterly Report
- e. OLR Site Ministry Report

**Next Meeting Date/Time: Wednesday December 10th OLR Hall**

**Ministries to Report:**

- Hispanic Leadership Team
- Parish Administrator
- Home Ministry

**Faith Sharing:**

- Hispanic Leadership Team