

PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Minutes for the PSC Meeting on October 14, 2009

7 PM St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center

Council Members:

Adult Spirituality-Gerard McGuire	Human Concerns-absent
Business Manager-Chuck Tully	Liturgy-Kay Williams
Catechetical Board-Jerry Lucha	OLR Site-Laura Chiu
Communications-Nichole Khan	Pastor-Fr. George
Community Life-Jeanne Ramos	Parochial Vicar-absent
Facilities-Jim McLaughlin	SAG Site-Kathleen Hart
Finance-Rick Barry	STA Site-Lorraine Dabney
Hispanic Leadership-Juanita Marquez	Youth Board-Mary Clifford

Absent: Fr. Thierry, Walt Lundin

Guests: Pat Briggs, Marguerite Purcell, Roland Quintero, Terry McCaffery

Prologue

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Kathleen Hart led the Faith Sharing with some words of Mother Teresa.

Comments and Announcements from PSC members / Guests

Rick observed that since we are using hand sanitizer, and not shaking hands, that perhaps it would be prudent to go back to using the handle baskets for the collection. Jerry and Jim suggested the ushers could wear gloves.

CLERGY REPORT

Father George reported that the first two Spiritual Tuesday Assembly's have gone well. The first STA was held October 6th, and dealt with teen suicide. There were good presenters, including Kevin Skelly (superintendent of PAUSD), John McNeil, and a school counselor. Several youth from our parish also participated, and Fr. George discussed the church's position on suicide. He felt the evening was a nice beginning. For the second STA, which was about Bible Study and Faith Sharing, about 30 people attended despite the rains. He feels that advertising has been good, but always could use more. He strongly encouraged the PSC members to attend, and we should develop our own spirituality. Fr. George

then thanked everyone for our efforts with the Annual Report, and Time and Talent. He acknowledged that the report requires a lot of work, but the finished project looks nice. Mary commented that she really enjoyed the St. Thomas Aquinas Time and Talent, which took place the previous weekend, and said it was set up beautifully, the hospitality was wonderful, and the food was great. Fr. George concluded his report with the announcement that a parish logo has been approved, but he unfortunately did not have an example with him. The logo will be on letterhead, business cards, the website, etc.

MINISTRY REPORTS

SAG Site Report

Kathleen started the SAG Site report with a rundown of SAG 50th Anniversary events, which are all in the planning stages. Some events in the works are a Christmas Craft sale in 2010, a reunion of couples married at SAG in February of 2011, and a performance of Godspell in March 2011. They are still awaiting information about the dates of the dedication of the church. The SAG Site Committee threw a little Get to Know Fr. Thierry party on September 26, which was well attended despite the holiday weekend. Phil Coates sat in on the September meeting to discuss ideas for a Parish Magazine. The report concluded with some upcoming dates at SAG, including the Table of Remembrance which will be set up November 2nd, and the Mass of Remembrance on November 14.

Catechetical

Jerry gave the catechetical report, and started by saying the enrollment numbers are the same at SAG, but slightly less at OLR. However, registration forms are still trickling in at OLR so the numbers are most likely to rise. He enthused about the wonderful group of catechists they have this year, and added that there is a tremendous set of books being used in the religious ed program. They “sort of” have a board consisting of four members, and they had their first meeting. They are looking for more members. He also mentioned that the Bowling Party is coming up, and that it is a night of great family fun.

Youth Board

Mary highlighted a few things in her report, including the hiring of Chris Miller the new Director of Youth Ministry. They are still getting registration forms, and currently have 58 Middle School students, and 38 High School students. They have a very busy year planned, and some upcoming events are the Food Drive-determined to be the greenest food drive ever-, packing dinner boxes for Thanksgiving and Christmas, making Christmas ornaments for the homebound, and the Layette Drive before Mother’s Day. Mary expressed sincere gratitude to Father George and Father Thierry who are committed to meeting with every confirmation candidate and their parents. She also thanked the Liturgy Committee, Human Concern’s leadership role, the Hispanic Ministry, and the OLR Site.

OLD BUSINESS

1000 Congregations Campaign

Terry McCaffery, a member of the California People of Faith, appealed to the PSC to join the 1000 Congregation Campaign, which helps congregations get involved in dialogue, prayer, etc. about the death penalty. He stressed that by joining the campaign we are not taking a position on the death penalty, but are open to dialogue about the death penalty. He also stressed that it is a real low threshold level of commitment. Jerry commented that he received a note from Walt that stated we would help the California People of Faith as requested. Laura pointed out that our parish has already been engaged in dialogue about the death penalty. Jeanne proposed we take a vote, and if Father George approves and we approve, then we sign up. Since most felt we were already engaged in awareness regarding the death penalty, the motion to join the 1,000 Congregation Campaign passed.

Time and Talent

We briefly reviewed requirements for the upcoming Time and Talent weekends. Jeanne commented that St. Thomas Aquinas church Time and Talent had almost every ministry there, and 14 new volunteers signed up.

Time and Talent Database

Roland Quintero gave an explanation of the Time and Talent Database, and passed out a handout which illustrated the layout. Roland promised to do a live demonstration next month to further our understanding of the database as the initial report created some confusion.

Archives Report

Mary Beth Lefebvre gave a lively and informative report on the Archives Committee. She stated that indexing is very time consuming and is a slow process. Material from the PSC was organized first, and now material from SAG and STA are being tended to. She gave us the following tips: 1. DATE everything 2. Include handouts and enclosures 3. Use a consistent format / template for minutes, etc. 4. Identify photos. They meet every Friday morning, from 10 AM – 12 PM, at the Pastoral Center.

Greening Project

There were 534 signatures for the St. Francis Pledge. The Green Committee wants to figure out a way to display the pledges. One idea is to spread them out in the form of STA. Another is to put them in the form of 350 as part of the Ringing of the Bells event. There are a lot of empty pledges, and Kay pointed out that a lot of people kept them for themselves. There are only 40 Green bags leftover from the original order of 500, and only 1000 bags are left at the Diocese from the original 10,000. On October 24, we will be participating in the Ringing of the Bells. Seven churches are participating and each will ring their bell 35 times, symbolic of 350. The city has been very involved in this endeavor. In addition to the

church bells, there will be a fire truck parked at the Farmer's Market (Hamilton and Gilman) that will allow children to ring the bell 35 times. And, they are very happy to report that ten people have signed up for the Green Committee.

St. Elizabeth Seton School

Jim gave a SESS update. He commented how fortunate he's been to be a member of the SESS Development Board, along with Lorraine Dabney. The board was started with the idea that since the church and the Diocese owns the building, parishioners should know what is going on at the school. A few highlights from the paper report include school property improvements such as new black top (Chuck took the lead on that), increased enrollment, a new breakfast program, and the donation of 21 new "tablets" from Hewlett Packard. He urged us all to attend the SESS Fall Luncheon, which is on November 5. He pointed out that St. Elizabeth Seton School is a "home away from home" for many of the students, and that we should be very proud of them. Lorraine added that most of the students are there on scholarship, and they are very appreciative of the support provided by our parish.

Scheduled Reports

Nichole introduced a new procedure for submitting our reports. Semi annual / scheduled reports are now sent to Mark Antonio, Mike Flynn, and Nichole. Jerry requested that Nichole send us the emails of the aforementioned people.

Jerry once again stressed the importance of submitting agenda items in a timely fashion, and reminded everyone that the agenda is drafted the week before the PSC meeting. Therefore, please get agenda items in one week before the meeting. Finally, let the record show that we finished 5 minutes early.

Adjourned 7:55 PM

Attachments (not included in email)

- a. Agenda
- b. SAG Site report
- c. Catechetical report
- d. Youth Ministry report
- e. SESS update

Next Meeting Date / Time: Wednesday, November 11, 2009, SAG Hospitality Center

Ministries to Report:

-Community Life

-Facilities

-Finance

Opening Prayer and Faith Sharing: Facilities