

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 14, 2008

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. John Hennessey, Tom Dutton, Brian Will, Rick Curschman, Mike Finley, Roland Catherall; Ted Polk, Sue Zimmer, Russ LeHocky; Rena Calanca, Ann Oakley, Gerrie Neville Eric Gall, Bill Zorc, Paul Aichele

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Jack Pepping We had no visitors this week. The previous month's minutes were approved.

OPENING PRAYER, Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 22: 15-21. Words that came to the groups mind were: Think, Thoughtful, Clear Separation and St. Thomas Moore.

PARISH MISSION REFLECTION

We strive to make our Mission Statement more than just words. The PPC is working to make the Mission a living document through our initiatives, directives and incarnated.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOCUS, Bill Butrym/Bob Blanke – Financial Operations

Bill & Bob spoke about our parish's current financial status. Based on our current economy and our the great accomplishments of our recent building programs, they let us know that we are holding steady and our parishioners continue to gracefully support our operations. The finance committee continues to work towards replenishing our reserves in case of any major plant or facility breakdown. Future projects that will need to be planned for are our aging boilers (44 years old), the building facades along with other scheduled and preventative maintenance. The committee has increased our Social Justice payout and has also reduced our expenses and controlled our costs. The 200 building is almost fully rented, yet the former Tuesday Morning retail space remains open.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father told us that a decision was made to not do a Stewardship call to the parish on November 9, (money changers in the Temple Gospel) based on our current economy. Claire Marvin is now at St. Joes and is very engaging, making contact with everyone. She will do a great job for us. All three new staff member including Regina and Allison are a blessing to our parish. We had an open discussion on how our parish can help our community. A suggestion was made to explore not having RE at the same time of mass to encourage more parishioners at mass and not an either mass or RE decision.

CHAIR REPORT

Ted Polk shared thoughts in Jack's absence. Thanks to all who participated in the PPC Coffee and thanks to Ann & Tom for coordinating the day. We got positive feedback from the PPC presentation by Jack & Ted at all the masses. The message of Time – Talent and Treasure needs to remain consistent. Our Steward Leadership meeting will be scheduled for February 28 all day Saturday. Jack will be meeting with all the Committee Chairs on September 27 to discuss building on our previous year's

growth. He will also discuss with the Chairs the role of the PPC liaisons. We also discussed Witnessing our Mission in practice in our community and parish. We discussed people and names for recruiting PPC members for next year. We are all to think of potential members and bring their name to our next meeting. After we create a list of potential new members, a personal letter could be sent from the person who thought they may be a good candidate. There is a drawer for PPC member's name badges in the Ministry Room.

COMMISSION REPORTS

We will put together a job description for a Commission Liaison. Jack is working with the Commission Chairs on the role of the liaison. Please send Jack an email for what we believe is the role of the liaison.

- Human Concerns – No meeting.
- Faith Formation – John Scanlon is taking on the Chair role. Roz will step down from the commission and allow Regina to become more involved. Seder is scheduled for a date in February. There is also a Dec. 13 date for Art in Christmas.
- Spiritual Life – Next meeting, next Tuesday. The Vocation Club presented the cup to Mike Finley's family. Jennifer asked to have the Men's Council, Women's Council and RCIA represented at the meetings. The group also requested the ability to post their meeting notes on the parish web site. Jack to discuss with all the Commission Chairs. Plan on a parish mission next Spring with Friar John Paul. Spiritual Life is requesting sponsoring Lenten Prayer groups.
- Stewardship – Completed the Matthew Kelly video. Reviewed Clifton Strength Finders which are similar to the Chairisms. A proposal was made to explore recycling at St. Joes.
- Parish Life – Doughnuts at the October 19 mass. Nov. 15 will be the first annual Trivia Night. A request was made to revisit the Narthex rules. There seems to be too much activity going on during mass.
- Finance – Updated by Toni, listed above under communications.

LISTENINGS

- A concern came up about phone calls being made by the commissions to those parishioners who are interested in participating. Every effort needs to be made to keep the liturgy sacred. Russ will take the action item to review the guidelines and get the correct people involved along with the Liturgy Committee.
- The parish directory is in process and efforts are being made to have this complete by Christmas.
- Lost and found has been located in one of the new Narthex cabinets. Ann will contact Toni to determine if this is where found items should be.

Next meeting is November 11, 7:00 PM in Loughry Room; Rick Curschman, Rena Calanca will lead our prayer on Breaking Open The Word.

Schedule for Breaking Open the Word:
November 11, Rick Curschman, Rena Calanca
December 9, Russ Lehocky, Brian Will
January 13, Sue Zimmer, Bill Zorc
February 10, Gerrie Neville, Tom Dutton
March 10, Ted Polk, Paul Aichele

April 14, Eric Gall, Roland Catherall
May 12, Ann Oakley, Michael Finley
June 9, Rick Curschman, Rena Calanca

Closing prayer and adjournment;