

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 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, Jack Pepping, Paul Aichele

UNABLE TO ATTEND

Bill Zorc. We had no visitors this week.

OPENING PRAYER, Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel: John 3: 13-17. Words that came to the groups mind were: Follow, lift up Jesus, GOD's love, Trust love, neglected love.

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, Toni Pepping – COMMUNICATIONS

Toni spoke about her role of directing what is going on in our parish. New website is being worked on as we speak. There will be many new features and will fill several technical needs from our parish groups and commissions. There are opportunities for input or requests from our PPC and commissions, so send an email to Kelly McMahon, kcmahon@stjoseph-libertyville.org. The annual report is almost ready to be sent out to everyone. Jack and Ted will take a few minutes to talk about the Parrish ministries and finances during mass on October 4-5 weekend. Lots have been done and there are many – many new initiatives being worked on. We have just rented a portion of the strip center, yet we continue to have open space and a reduction of space will be freed from Koenig and Strey.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father let us know the committee found a new music minister. Her name is Clare Marvin. She spent 20 years at St. James in Arlington Heights. She was looking for a new call and a call for growth and will start mid October. Alison Kosiek and Regina Thibeau are also getting acclaimed into our parish. We are truly blessed with these three new people. Father next talked about how the priests and deacons meet with Pat Lynch meet each week to pray fully seek and create a dialog with everyone during the homilies. They believe it is an awesome responsibility to preach God's words and take the responsibility very seriously. Moreover, they seek the Lord to take the words and then have them work in each of us. The school is under way and in budget. Faith Weaving and Religious Education has also started for the year. Father talked about our upcoming retreat and workshop last winter and our effort to follow that momentum into this year. Tom suggested distributing the Stewardship Reports by pickup in the Narthex then mailing to those who do not pick up

CHAIR REPORT

The September 12-13 retreat we will meet with a dinner on Friday night at 5:45 at the Loughry Room. We will walk to the Formation Center at 7:00 pm until 10:00 pm. Saturday morning we will start at 7:30 am and go until 4:00. Ann Rentsch is now chair of the Parish Life Commission. Janine Wilson is now Co Chair with Liz on Stewardship. Spiritual Life: Brian has been the main person from PPC to be their commission liaison. Gerrie offered to help out every other Spiritual Life meeting. They meet on the third Tuesday of every month.

Masses on the weekend of October 4-5 will include a stewardship update for the parish. Ted and Jack will speak about the outcome of how resources were spent and the outcome. They will flip flop speaking between masses and the PPC will also host a narthex coffee.

Hold Saturday, February 7 as our follow up retreat date.

We continued our discussion of our objectives for the upcoming year in the PPC. Specifically: Momentum, Widen our Circle, Servant Leadership Partnership, Visibility Transparency Accountability and Recruitment. Our meeting notes are posted on our web site and we will announce the meeting notes and future times. It was noted how comprehensive The Carpenter is every week. You can really get to know about the parish by reading it. Java for Joe was a success this weekend. Posting our notes on the web will also help with recruitment for future PPC members. Perhaps we could invite one or two people to sit and listen at future PPC meetings. We talked about wearing the PPC badges as a sign of service not as an honor or status. We will look for a place to hold the PPC badges for everyone.

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.

- No Human Concerns – Food drive in process. Discussed succession planning. Moshe info fair, baby shower, fund raiser at Mickey Finns for Moshe and fund raisers for the giving tree. Will be a new tag on the giving tree for military families. There will be no Sept. meeting.
- Faith Formation – No report, lack of attendance. John Scanlon is taking on as permanent Chair. John and Roz will be looking to get Regina involved too.
- Spiritual Life – No report, last meeting was in June.
- Stewardship – Going through formation. Discussing Spirit of the World vs the Spirit of God, Matthew Kelly video was being watched. Stewardship of Treasure will be discussed November 9, 16 & 23.
- Parish Life – August 26th, Ann is the new Chair. Mary Ellen Mara is the secretary. Trivia Night will be chaired as an opportunity to socialize on November 15 by Jim and Sharon Leatino.
- Finance – Updated by Toni, listed above under communications.

LISTENINGS

- A parish Mom approached a member about how difficult it is to get her kids to church. Discussed opening up to our youth and how we can bring them to church. Perhaps a PPC message to the commissions on catering to our youth, our teens our young adults and our

future. We will plan for discussion with Alison about her thoughts and ideas as an open item.

- Faithful Physicians is a new group that met here at St. Joe's to have physicians to talk about being a faithful healer. Eight physicians came with Bishop Rasmus. There are plans for future meetings too.

Next meeting is October 14, 7:00 PM in Loughry Room; Ann Oakley & Michael Finley will lead our prayer on Breaking Open The Word.

Schedule for Breaking Open the Word:
October 14, Ann Oakley, Michael Finley
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;