

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

6 April 2010

Present: Curt Cooper, Father Skluzacek, Katie Stennes, Father Johnson, Sharon Hansen, Jennifer Harrington, Steve Sandquist, Mike Miller, Mikki Gottwalt, David Drajna, Noelle Olson, Jane H, Bob Mike, Bob Denton.

Guests: None

Absent: Chuck Mertensotto, Jeff Davis

1. Introduction

- Opening Prayer: Curt Cooper, Prayer for Archbishop John Nienstedt
- Treats: Mike Miller

2. Old Business

- Review March Minutes, provide corrections
 - Father mentioned need for printed version of the minutes for parishioners without computer access
- Approve February Minutes after corrections
- Request to approve granted for March and February with minor corrections
- Changes to Sanctuary
 - Mike provided brief update, push to next council meeting after April 13th committee meeting
- Shepherd Little Flocks
- Estate Planning- Curt updated
 - Making progress, flier coming soon
- Isaiah Discussion Update
 - Looking for a collective resolution or presentation to Father S before summer recess
 - Curt recommended Fr. J act as a 3rd party “facilitator” of our ideas
 - Request group reflects on concept and provide feedback for May Mtg. to coincide with short presentation, vote during June Mtg
 - Council members encouraged to request additional information from one another, and complete their own research
 - Fr. S read a letter from Jeff Davis (not able to be in attendance).
 - Belief that Isaiah does not align with our church; reference the letter.
 - Katie provided a brief explanation of Isaiah
 - Faith based non-partisan social justice group attempting to affect policy change

3. New Business

- Bob- Parish Admin Rpt
 - Easter was good
 - ~\$72000 collection, right on expectations

- Capital campaign has stalled at ~\$800,000
 - Letters to go out to all who have not contributed
 - School in the black through February, front loaded
 - Parish in the black through February
 - We have used money from savings, not obligated to replenish
 - We have used from our Merrill Lynch Acct (owe ~\$100k), obligated to repay this fund (part of Capital Campaign purposing)
 - Point: Ending the year in the black will be used to repay these accts; 2-4 years needed to feel like we are back on our feet
 - School and Parish 2010-11 budgets were given preliminary approval by Finance Committee during March mtg.
 - Both school and church budgets were handed out to council and discussion ensued
 - April 29th mtg from finance committee to discuss improvements
 - Main item: North parking lot- bid documents sent out- est \$100,000 without lighting and fencing (postpone one year)
 - Smaller items identified by our insurance carrier
 - Motion made/seconded to accept/approve the preliminary budget
 - Voted, carried unanimously
- Jennifer, SPAC-
- Mikki, Tithing- not in attendance at last meeting
- Chuck, Stewardship
 - Actively seeking new members, 65 names identified thus far
 - Worked on next year's goals
 - Determine "who are our members."
- Sharon, Social Mission
 - What should the social mission look like
 - Status report from each committee
 - Inform parish of events
 - Education in Charity & Justice to parish at large
 - Focus on issues
 - Assist in coordination of efforts
 - Pros/Cons vs votes
- Finance, Bob Mike- reminded of Parish Annual Disclosure report to archdiocese will be completed again

4. Closing

- Blue Sky
 - Identify nominations for new council members needed, all to consider candidates
 - Pancake breakfast hosted by Boy Scouts, Troop 93 this coming weekend
- Father's comments

- Lent was well received
- Teresa Neumann Elementary faith formation director moving to St. Patrick's in Inver Grove Heights
- Jon Kelly will be ordained a deacon on May 1st
- Joseph John will be ordained a priest on May 29th
- Closing prayer- for Pope Benedict XVI
- Next Meeting:
 - Prayer: Sharon
 - Treats: Mikki
 - Secretary: Someone else
- Call for closing – Meeting adjourned