

Pastoral Council Meeting  
3 May 2010

**Present:**

Jane Heinks, Fr. Johnson, Fr. Skluzacek, Curt Cooper, Chuck Mertensotto, Mikki Gottwalt, Sharon Hansen, Katie Stennes, Bob Mike, Bob Denton

**Absent:**

Mike Miller, Jeff Davis, Steve Sandquist, David Drajna, Noelle Olson, Jennifer Harrington

**1. Introductions**

- Prayer: Sharon Hansen
- Minutes: Bob Denton
- Treats: Mikki Gottwalt (Thank you!!!)

**2. Old Business**

- April Minutes amended and minutes approved.
- Shepherd Little Flocks – Curt and Father Skluzacek discussed.
  - May 23rd will be the initial briefing with the kick-off group; additional members will be added once launched
  - Launch will be in the Fall
- Isaiah – Curt – Tonight's focus will be to receive the feedback from one another, review one's own feelings and provide a short explanation to Father Skluzacek in June's mtg. as to their recommendation
- Estate Planning – Curt/Bob M – Contacting potentially interested families to progress concept

**3. New Business**

**Administrator's report (Bob Mike)**

- Finance committee met last week; agenda included approving a Capital Expenditures' budget for next year
  - Budgeting appx. \$250,000; planning appx. \$120,000 spend, or half of budget
  - Primary project is north parking lot (\$100,000); approved
  - Facilities committee prioritized and presented a project list to the Finance Committee for review/approval
    - Project list and projects approved by Finance Committee were shared with Parish Council
    - Red coded items = highest priority; all red items were approved by Finance Committee (~\$17,000 total)
    - Majority of items on list still in discussion
    - Parish Council endorsed Capital Expenditures budget and plan

- Father Skluzacek wants to consider a scaled down Tabernacle project if the Capital Campaign does not reach the \$1mil goal
- Finance Committee believes sans any major changes we will end the year in the black.
  - o School revenue and expenses report reviewed by council
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- Independent Auditors visiting the week of August 9<sup>th</sup>
  - o Full audit this year
  - o Not concerned about Larson Allen and our new financial system creating issues/delays/added cost
  - o Budgeting \$15,000 for audit
- Proxy required for expenditures above \$25,000- increased from \$15,000

#### **4. Liaison Reports**

**SPAC- Jennifer Harrington-** no report

##### **Tithing- Mikki Gottwalt**

- Working out a budget
- Met with the parish committees, explaining what their process will be
- Developing short and long form
- Working through growing pains of the committee

##### **Stewardship- Chuck Mertensotto**

- Considering how to glean parish membership; sensitive concept
- Considering new ministries
  - o Ministry Fair- discussing various ministry options
  - o Greeter's Ministry concept
  - o Recognizing membership anniversaries
  - o New parishioner introductions during mass

##### **Social Mission - Sharon Hansen**

- Tom Fruth is rolling off Tithing Committee, looking for candidates for the role
- Shared key notes from Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
  - o Kathy Kiefer – CEAP – Participated in Social Concerns Meeting with nine area churches, participated in a pancake breakfast fund raiser
  - o Steve Smith – Respect Life – Maternity closet is low; Mother's Day corsages will be for sale; fund raiser for North Care Life Center
  - o Bill Urbanski – Fair Trade Ministry- Reviewing donated coffee to the Parish; Three minute presentations will be provided after all Masses on May 8 & 9.
  - o Jeanne Ayers – Isaiah – Chuck Mertensotto has been recognized for his work in promoting affordable housing Arden Hills; listed upcoming events; JustFAITH, May 17; Building a Healthy Future, May 4

- Bill Urbanski - Sowers of Justice/Catholic Charities OSJ – defended General Assistance and Minnesota Family Investment Programs at the state capitol
- Bill Urbanski – Benedictine Health Center at Innsbruck – working on the needs of older SJB parishioners; Dancing Under the Stars Gala was a success, proceeds will be used for a therapeutic garden at the health center

### **Finance – Curt Cooper**

- Moving into the black, recognized the hard work of the Finance Committee
- Referenced Bob Mike’s report

### **Isaiah Update**

- Exploring the parish’s relationship with Isaiah, and ONLY the parish’s relationship
- Not alone in our parish’s concerns; Green Bay was cited as another concerned community
- Sensitive to the good work Isaiah provides, but distinguishes between what Catholics can do and what a Catholic Church can do
- Sample of material received by Father Johnson was shared, expressing the importance of each of us to do our own due diligence on the subject
- All members are encouraged to review Father Johnson’s report and supporting material, reflect and form an opinion to share with Father Skluzacek in June
- Will consider courses of actions based on outcome during June’s discussion
- If the Parish ends its relationship with Isaiah, it will force parishioners to either end their relationship with our Church or Isaiah

**Council Member’s ACTION:** Develop your opinion on Isaiah and be prepared to support your argument to Father Skluzacek

### **5. Closing**

Blue Sky – Father Johnson

- ... shared that, “one of the most exciting things I do” is sharing in the Sacraments’; Confirmation, First Communion, Ordination of John Kelly
- Invited to share in Father’s 30 years as a priest celebration at the 4:30 Mass on Saturday
- Teresa Newman is now in her new role; actively working through the hiring process, many applicants, fewer candidates, July 1<sup>st</sup> is targeted start date
- Next Meeting- 1 June 2010
  - Prayer: Curt Cooper
  - Treats: Bob Denton
  - Meeting Secretary: Bob Denton
- Call for closing – Meeting adjourned