

Pastoral Council Meeting
1 June 2010

Present:

Jane Heinks, Fr. Johnson, Fr. Skluzacek, Curt Cooper, Chuck Mertensotto, Mikki Gottwalt, Sharon Hansen, Katie Stennes, Bob Mike, Bob Denton, Noelle Olson, David Drajna, Steve Sandquist, Jeff Davis, Mike Miller

Absent:

Jennifer Harrington

1. Introductions

- Prayer: Mikki Gottwalt
- Minutes: Bob Denton
- Treats: Bob Denton

- Appreciation was given to the group by Curt for their service this year; recognized those coming to the end of a three or six year commitment

2. Old Business

- May Minutes amended and minutes approved
- Shepherd Little Flocks – Curt and Father Skluzacek discussed
 - Nine people turned out for the kick-off
 - Launch will be in the Fall
- Estate Planning – Jeff Davis – No updates, does not expect any significant updates/progress until after summer

3. New Business

Administrator's report (Bob Mike)

- Will end fiscal year with both church and school in the black (positive)
- Meeting with the auditor
 - Bob stated his focus for the audit, upon announcing his retirement, was to ensure everything was discoverable
 - First audit in four years, will be a significant evaluation
- Bell Air will begin north parking lot work at the end of June
 - Meeting with Bell Air Project Managers and parish families to ensure a short and accurate project that causes minimal disruption
- Capital campaign
 - Approx \$871K to date
 - Discussing what steps to take next; close, hold through summer, etc.
 - Hopeful we will still reach the goal
 - Approximately 600 people have made a pledge to the campaign

- Approximately 600 people have made a contribution to the annual stewardship drive
- Belief they may be the same folks

4. Liaison Reports

SPAC- Jennifer Harrington- no report

Tithing- Mikki Gottwalt- no report

Stewardship- Chuck Mertensotto

- Met and invited many to consider joining the group
- Ministry fair has been adopted
- Working on annual report's readability
- Greeter's Ministry concept is gaining momentum

Social Mission - Sharon Hansen- no report

Finance – Curt Cooper referred to Bob Mike due to his absence

- Audit was the topic of discussion

Isaiah

- Reminder was given of how the PPC operates and the role it plays in providing Father with information
 - Provided the ground rules for how to proceed
 - Reminded us that we were asked to reflect, contribute and generate our own opinion
 - Express your ideas as a motion, each motion will have a 15 minute window and then an option to extend if needed
- Katie makes a motion that St. John reaffirm its commitment to Isaiah and looks for ways to increase its awareness within the church
 - Supporting presentation and discussion continued
 - Open discussion continues for another 45 minutes
 - Motion was denied:
 - Three in favor
 - Nine against
- Chuck makes a motion to invite members of Isaiah's leadership to our PPC for a presentation on their organization
 - Discussion and dialogue followed
 - Motion was voted as:
 - Four in favor
 - Four apposed
 - Four abstain

- Jeff makes a motion to proceed with the initial recommendation to sever ties with Isaiah; no longer fund Isaiah, no longer allow Isaiah to utilize our name and no longer provide Isaiah use of our facilities
 - Presentation of stance and discussion followed
 - Open discussion continued for additional time
 - Motion amended: Until such time that Isaiah can prove it has severed its ties with Gamaliel, St. John the Baptist suspend its ties with Isaiah; suspend meaning: no longer fund Isaiah, no longer allow Isaiah to utilize our name and no longer provide Isaiah use of our facilities
 - Motion was votes as:
 - Nine in favor
 - Three apposed
- Father was able to hear and record our comments for his personal use
 - No timeline as to his decision
 - A decision will come
- Topic closed for the evening

5. Closing

Blue Sky – Father Skluzacek

- Thanks Bob Mike for his 13 years at the parish
For his support of Father Sluzacek over the last four years
Bob's last day will be September 2nd.
Search committee in place, lead by Larry VandenPlas
 - Will propose finalist to Father Skluzacek for consideration
- Any Counsel members who are ending their third year are encouraged to let Father know their interest in continuing on the counsel
- Father was able to be with Father Joseph's ordination; Father Joseph's parents were able to attend after traveling from China
- Social gathering offered to the PPC at Curt's home on September 14th
- Next Meeting- September 2010
- Call for closing – Meeting adjourned