

Pastoral Council Meeting
9 November 2010

Present:

Curt Cooper, Jenny Schmitz , Mikki Gottwalt, Beth Robertson, Sharon Hansen, Paul Onken, Jeff Davis, Alan Foley, Gene Marsh, Noelle Olson, Bob Denton, Father Johnson, Father Skluzacek, Dave Drajna, Daniel Jobin, Chuck Mertensotto, Pat McCormack, Mary Sheehan

Absent:

Introductions

- Prayer: Mikki Gottwalt
- Minutes: Bob Denton
- Treats: Beth Robertson
- Introduction of New Members and Guests

Old Business

- October minutes amended and approved
- Shepherd's Little Flocks – Curt updated with input from Noelle and Father Skluzacek-
 - Write up of what Shepherd's Little Flocks is was shared
 - Making progress, minimal challenges
- Estate Planning – Jeff Davis – October's event was cancelled, will be rescheduled
- Stewardship- Chuck Mertensotto accepted continuation of role as liaison
- PPC by-laws review
 - Request for a committee chair and two members to coordinate recommendation for updating
 - Dan to Chair; Gene, Paul and Curt to support

New Business

- Administrator's Report (Alan Foley)
 - Provided a comparison report to last year for the following notes:
 - Sunday collections are up
 - School tuition is down, temporary shortfall result of late notifications to ~50 families
 - Total revenue is down \$48,933 from last year, year to date
 - Will share actual to budget next month, dependent on system software reporting ability
 - Audit results were reviewed by Finance committee
 - Cunneen process was reviewed by Alan
 - Considering the cost benefit of outsourcing this process
 - Historical experience suggests SJB may not need the service
 - Discussed auditing firm, explained value of understanding parishes

- Annual report is being mailed this week
- Liaison Reports
 - Mary Sheehan from Stewardship Committee
 - New program being suggested- New Parishioner Orientation
 - Would like to kick off a year-long orientation
 - Once a year host a “walking tour” of the parish for all new members from the preceding year
 - Host a table at our fair to represent them
 - Dream of making them an “engaged parishioner”
 - Each stewardship would host one new parishioner event each year by attaching it to an existing event (minimize additional work for committees)
 - Asking for support & endorsement from the PPC
 - Resolution: Chuck will be the Liaison for the PPC’s involvement, help select an event to host annually
 - Mikki provided suggestion on how to introduce the new members
 - Table topic until next month; PPC members to consider their own ideas and provide at next meeting; will be added to agenda
 - SPAC- Member Pat McCormack (SPAC Liaison), Beth Robertson (PPC Liaison)
 - Enrollment is down, partially expected based on economy
 - 39 out of normally 45-48 kindergarten class
 - All classes are down
 - Strongest trend is in 7th & 8th grade
 - Bullying awareness underway, new initiative
 - 2011 budget being worked through, more coming
 - Strategic planning committee, reviewing certification material
 - Exploration of the SCRP program
 - Negative history at SJB
 - Advancement in program suggests re-consideration
 - Many more options available now
 - Stay tuned for further information
 - Tithing- Mikki Gottwalt, no report
 - Stewardship- Chuck Mertensotto
 - New parishioner welcoming strategy
 - Annual appeal preparation
 - Budget review
 - Monitor census, “how to”
 - Understand the data
 - Stay in touch
 - Social Mission - Sharon Hansen, no report
 - Questions asked of our social justice intentions
 - Will meet directly with Fr. Johnson
 - Finance – Bob Denton
 - Update to 10/08/2010 Mtg: Bob Denton has accepted the role of Liaison

- Committee considering a sub-committee to blend parish & school budget work to better calculate needs & resources options
- Beginning the use of a rolling plan approach to improve accuracy of budgets
- Preliminary school budget subsidy of \$294k was shared for purpose of estimating; final approval has not been granted

Closing

- Blue Sky – Open forum for the counsel
 - Chuck- Isaiah- Discuss plan from the counsel moving forward
 - Interest in seeing Isaiah’s response, providing copy to last year’s PPC members
 - Parishioners who are members of Isaiah would like addition info on the results
 - Bob- Music- Consider increased tempo music during Mass
 - Dave-Parking- Who is responsible for curb parking- concern for efficiency
 - Paul-Men’s Fellowship- Room for increased attendance
- Pastor Comments – Father Skluzacek
 - Add Changing Mass Times to next month’s agenda
 - Archdiocese’s Strategic Plan recommendation of reviewing use capacity
 - Attendance numbers suggest we could have 4 rather than 5 each week
 - Potential cost savings
 - Church is bigger than the Parish; consider times of other parishes
 - To deepen your prayer life, two part course, Liturgy of the Hours
 - November 16th
 - December 7th
 - Tabernacle blessing, Bishop Piche will bless at the November 20th at the 4:30 mass
 - Provided article on Celebration of the Lord’s Day
- Next Meeting - December 7, 2010 (only one hour)
- Call for Closing – Meeting adjourned