

PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL
Minutes for the PSC Meeting on June 14, 2006
7:00 PM at St. Albert the Great Church

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Present: Fr. George Aranha, Susan Adams (SAG Site Committee) Helen Baumann (STA Site Committee), Phil Coates (Chairman, PSC), Tom Jaworowski (Human Concerns Committee), Mary Beth Lefebvre (Youth Ministry Board), Chris Lundin (OLR Site Committee); Micky Martin (Liturgy Board), Gerard McGuire (Adult Spiritual Development), Bud McKenna (Facilities Committee), Joan Meyn (Community Life Board), Joe Passarello (Finance Committee), Jesse Ruezga (Hispanic Leadership Team), Mary Sullivan (Communications Committee), Chuck Tully (Parish Administrator)

Absent: Catechetical Board

GUESTS: Ruth Chippendale, Maureen Clark, Susan Clingingsmith, Phil Coates (after being relieved as Chairman by Bud McKenna), Linda Gargiulo, Maria de Jesus Gutierrez, Anna Jaklitsch, Walt Lundin, Rob Manfrey, Marguerite Purcell, Jeanne Ramos, Mary Stratton . Teresa Sun

Meeting Highlights:

Prologue

The meeting was called to order by Phil Coates. The new officers assumed their assigned responsibilities: Bud McKenna relieved Phil Coates as Chairman of the PSC; Sue Adams became Vice-Chairman replacing Gerard McGuire, and Tom Jaworowski took over the post of Secretary from Helen Baumann. Mary Sullivan lead those present in the opening prayer. The agenda proposed for tonight's meeting was accepted without major changes. The minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved. Joe Passarello is the new Finance Committee Representative to the PSC, replacing Bud McKenna.

Comments from the Council and the Floor: Ruth informed the PSC that \$22,000 was donated to provide a summer camp experience to youngsters at Hidden Villa. Joan thanked Fr. George for his "Burning Bush" presentation last Sunday, which was well attended. The discussion was lively and informative. Bud mentioned that Fr. George was successful in soliciting a laptop computer for the Lost Boys in Kenya??

PASTOR'S REPORT

1. Fr. George expressed his thanks to the outgoing Executive Committee of the PSC for their work and leadership during the past year.
2. The "Burning Bush" session last Sunday afternoon went well. There were 60 people in attendance. Wine and cheese was brought by three individuals. His evaluation concluded with "We did it together" and "We'll do it again" Next time the emphasis will be on general questions. It was a good model for future sessions where topical discussions can occur accompanied by SNACKS.
3. Fr. Tony Medina may join the PSC retreat on June 24. He has been very flexible in his desire to "fit into" the parish; e.g., changing his day-off to accommodate others. With Fr. Tony as the new vicar, STA can again offer the 12:15 P.M. daily Mass, starting July 1st. This was announced today to the daily Mass community.

4. Linda Gaguilo has resigned her position as Liturgy Coordinator to devote more time to her family. She has done an excellent job at STA this past year. The Liturgy Board will seek a replacement.
5. There will be a Staff-Day-Away held on June 28th to conclude the year. Fr. Tony will attend this function. Fr. George hopes that a Staff-Day can be held for the school personnel in early September.

When Fr. George concluded his report, Helen passed around a sign-in sheet for those attending the retreat on June 24th. Fr. George remarked that all staff members were required to attend this meeting. She also requested the guests to sign-in on another sheet so that minutes of this meeting could be sent to them.

YOUTH MINISTER'S REPORT

Rob Manfrey, our new Youth Minister, introduced himself and told the PSC that he is excited to be here. He gave a report on his activities since his arrival two months ago:

1. He has met with the Youth Ministry Board and about 25 families in May and June.
2. He plans to arrange a Youth Mass to be held one Sunday a month. This will probably be a Saturday evening Mass. This should not conflict with the Family Mass, which is also scheduled for one Sunday a month.
3. The SESS School will be used for classroom work. The Dermody Center is also under consideration for youth activities.
4. The SESS School gym can be used to hold dinners for the youth and their parents once a month.
5. He has asked the bishop to lower the age (grade) for Confirmation to the 8th grade. Rob believes this will strengthen the faith of the young people by providing more complete religious training from First Communion to Confirmation before the youngsters begin high school. He has designated this process as "STAY" --- STA Youth. He has also petitioned for a one-year Confirmation preparation program in place of the current two year program.

Phil requested Rob to please remember the STA Site for Youth Activities. Rob provided a handout summarizing the activities of the Youth Ministry. This handout is included in these minutes as Attachment (1).

NEW BUSINESS

The Young Adult Ministry has been informed of a Deanery Mass for Young Adults that is held on the last Tuesday of the Month. A web page is being implemented for the youth of the parish. ??? or of the Deanery ???

July 31st has been selected for a boardwalk evening with the youth from other dioceses. Twenty youth will attend from the Northern Deanery (Deanery #2) The first Youth Mass in our parish has been scheduled for September 2nd). September 9th is the date for the first religious instruction.

Phil recommended that our parish youth visit all three sites for the Youth Masses and the Church holiday pageants.

MaryBeth stated that she was very excited about the new curriculum for the religious education of our youth. She thanked the Finance Committee for buying these books which will be an effective resource in our religious education programs.

Micky raised the question about whether ALL classes will be at SAG. We have three sites; we are one parish. She is concerned that all classes for youth will be at one site. She proposed that grades 6,7, and 8 be taught at one site, and the high school programs be at the other site. MaryBeth noted that the board did consider this arrangement. A survey was done, and parents preferred that the classes be held at one site to minimize traveling for families with children in both programs. Rob indicated that some distribution among the sites has already occurred for the youth programs. For example, the Mass for 5th graders during which they received their own bibles was held at SAG at 9:00 A.M. at SAG and at 10:30 A.M. at OLR. Bud suggested that we give the present set-up a try and let the Youth Ministry Board oversee the results. Gerard thought it was important to use the best facility for these religious education programs, but also an occasional move/visit to another site was important.

Some questions were asked about the Youth Ministry. Marguerite emphasized that the parish needs to develop leadership in our youth. Rob replied that five young people have been selected for leadership roles.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT

Chuck informed the PSC about the Homer House remodel. Tom is helping with the design of the kitchen in the upstairs apartment. Chuck and Godofredo have been trained for fire safety inspections. The kitchen window at OLR has been replaced. Electrical work there has been completed.

The International School is moving forward with the portable classroom. SESS has received a \$50,000/ grant for a science lab portable unit. The estimated cost is \$200,000.

STA Church will acquire a new roof and have the exterior painted this year. The painting work will be done by a paint manufacturer, since this firm can guarantee the finished product.

The Dermody Center needs a new dehumidifier because this building collects moisture. Since the Dermody Center is used only infrequently, this moisture is not dissipated. Msgr. Lenane's room at the Center has been rented, since he has moved into a convalescent home.

The downstairs apartment of the Homer House may be available July 1st. The upstairs apartment will probably go on the market in August. The estimated cost of this remodel project is \$69,000. The project has been approved for a maximum of \$80,000.

SURVEY RESULTS

Maureen Clark presented the results of the survey which was undertaken to gauge the effectiveness of the new parish organization. Maureen stated that the overall results indicated a good but challenging organization. She noted that there is some tension about the division of the parish into ministries as well as the problems associated with three sites with different constituencies,

Maureen prepared a handout with graphs that showed the distribution of responses to the 34 plus questions of the survey. She committed to analyzing this raw data and presenting her conclusions and recommendations at the June 24th

retreat. A summary of her analysis will be published with the minutes of the retreat.

There was some discomfort expressed that the identity of some members of the parish appeared in the raw data. It was agreed that everyone should be aware of the sensitivities of those with whom we interact. The attendees at the meeting expressed their beliefs that Maureen had done a good job,

ACTION ITEMS

Closure

Bud proposed a rough agenda for the retreat:

1. The goals that were selected and those that were achieved from last year's retreat
2. The conclusions and recommendations derived from the survey
3. The goals to be proposed and chosen for action by the parish in 2006/2007

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

ATTACHMENTS:

- (1) Youth Minister's Report for May & June

At our last site committee meeting, we evaluated the different services offered for the Lent and Easter season and came up with some suggestions for next year:

- for Palm Sunday procession, may try positioning the musicians in the vestibule so they can be heard both inside and outside the church
- for Communal Penance Service, may try asking people to remain seated and keep the line for any individual priest only 1-2 people deep. Otherwise people may need to stand for a long time waiting for a "favorite" priest.
- for Holy Thursday evening service, the closing Night Prayer in the Hall may be moved up to right after the mass. So few people returned at 11pm for it that all the deeply spiritual ambience generated during the service was gone.
- for Children's Station of the Cross, may offer it at ALL 3 sites instead of just one.

For the upcoming Pastoral Stewardship Council retreat, the 2 reps will be Laura Chiu and James Abler.

Religious Ed program for next year – number increasing but aim at recruiting more of those kids that are being "home-schooled" this year. Will continue having individual CCD class decorate the church bulletin board according to the liturgical themes.

Various maintenance projects are on-going: parking lot fence, kitchen windows, leaking roofs, wall in Dermody Center, deceased pine trees etc. Also trying to develop an accident reporting form to keep tracks of all incidents and to develop better response protocols. Preparations for the school's addition of a portable w/ 2 classrooms progressing smoothly. Working on disaster planning with diocese and deanery. Incidents of illegal parking and graffiti reported to the police but not much else can be done.

We have many newcomers signing up, with about 15 from OLR so far this year.

The S.O.U.P program has generated \$1,700+, which was sent to Fr. Jack in Honduras.