

## PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Minutes for the PSC Meeting on July 8, 2009

7:00 PM St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center

### COUNCIL MEMBERS present:

Business Manager-Chuck Tully	Human Concerns-Walt Lundin
Catechetical Board-Jerry Lucha	Liturgy-Chris Lundin (stand-in)
Communications-Nichole Khan	OLR Site-Laura Chiu
Community Life-Jeanne Ramos	SAG Site-Kathleen Hart
Facilities-Jim McLaughlin	STA Site-Absent
Finance-Rick Barry	Adult Spirituality-Sue Clingingsmith (stand-in)
Youth Board-Mary Clifford	Hispanic Leadership-Arnoldo Alcazar (stand-in)

**Absent:** Kay Williams, Gerard Maguire, Juanita Marquez

**Guests:** Helen Bauman, Ruth Chippendale, Bud McKenna, and Marguerite Purcell

### Prologue

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Jeanne Ramos led the faith sharing. The agenda was approved as written. The June 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved as corrected.

### Comments and Announcements from PSC Members / Guests

Helen Bauman announced that the California People of Faith Against the Death Penalty is trying to implement A Thousand Congregation Campaign. The campaign would encourage churches to actively work to do away with the death penalty. The campaign is still in the planning stages.

Jeanne Ramos reminded us that the Parish Picnic is scheduled for September 13<sup>th</sup> at OLR this year.

Walt Lundin announced that the Interfaith Conference on Torture will be held June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Also, PIA is having a big public meeting about Health Care and Immigration reform on July 18<sup>th</sup> at the First United Methodist Church in Redwood City.

Bud McKenna announced that the Form / Reform conference will be held July 16<sup>th</sup>. Form / Reform focuses on the Art and Environment of our churches to ensure the liturgical environment is appropriate. Susan Adams needs people to attend.

### **CLERGY REPORT**

Father George expressed how very happy he was to welcome Fr. Thierry to our meeting. Fr. Thierry is a newly ordained priest, and has the "added gift of wanting to do Spanish ministry." The days off have changed; Fr. George will have Thursdays and Fridays off. Fr. Thierry will have Mondays and Tuesdays off.

Both Father George and Chris Lundin addressed the results of the OLR Mass Start Time survey. The survey, which ran for two weekends, asked parishioners at OLR to give input on the often late start of the 10:30 AM Sunday mass, and whether they can "live with it", or would like to see a change. The late start is often due to the presider and Chris Lundin (music leader) having to travel across town between SAG and OLR. Father George commented that having to rush from one mass to the other is not conducive to entering the church prayerfully. Sue Clingingsmith added that if we change one mass time, we really should revisit *all* mass times. Since 76% of those who completed the survey are willing to keep the schedule as is, it was decided to stick to the "status quo" for now.

Nothing final has been scheduled for STA (Spiritual Tuesday Association) Night; it is still in the planning stages. One idea is to have different forms of prayer, thereby creating Prayer Night. Also in consideration is Scripture Night as well as having speakers. Father George likened STA to the Burning Bush. All gatherings would offer a Q & A at the end of the evening, and these would be addressed the following month. The launch date will be in September.

### **MINISTRY REPORTS**

#### **Adult Spirituality**

Sue Clingingsmith filled in for Gerard McGuire, and asked us to keep his family in our prayers. She directed us to the highlights of her report. She said the ministry doesn't meet much, but the "spark is back" since revamping the board. The group discussed the question, "What does it mean to have spiritual development in our community?" They addressed the loss of parishioners from our parish, and the sad fact that many parishioners can't defend their faith, or answer why they are Catholic. The members are exploring ways to get the Parish excited, and are hopeful that STA will help with that. She proposed the Four Minute Catechesis in which the Priest talks for four minutes on any topic. Once the timer in the front row goes off, the talk is done. Sue mentioned that they are looking for ways to fill the void that the loss of *Faith Connection* created.

## **Administrator**

Chuck concentrated on the Facilities highlights, and drew our attention to several items in his report. A new roof was installed at OLR church and ISP school buildings. The new font was installed at SAG in April. The original boiler at OLR and school was replaced. Since the removal and replacement of SESS's roof is very expensive, roof coating was installed to extend life of the school roof by 8-10 years.

## **LITURGY**

Chris Lundin filled in for Kay Williams. He began his report by saying most of the ministry's efforts go in to ensuring that each liturgy is prayerful and inspiring. There are new sacristans at OLR and SAG. The job of sacristan requires dedication and a willingness to arrive one hour before mass. Pyxes are available in each sacristy. They will begin working on the liturgical calendar at their next meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mary Clifford led our discussion concerning our 2009 PSC Retreat Evaluation. In regard to the Evaluation results, most agreed that the location was good, but we needed a facilitator for the ENTIRE retreat. Secondly, should we call it a retreat? Retreat implies spirituality, and our gathering is really more of a planning session. Since we did not define our goals at the retreat, Mary took the liberty to put together 3 goals that she, and the executive committee, felt were worth pursuing: 1) Nurturing our Ministries, Committees, and Volunteers, 2) Parish wide involvement with the Thomas House 3) Green Initiatives-3 to 5 specific goals. Green Initiatives will be discussed in greater detail at our September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, but some suggestions included cloth bags for food bank collections, educating people, and getting involved in more fair trade.

The Volunteer Survey comment was left hanging last month. Since then the Communication Board looked at the survey and felt that its purpose was unclear.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

We welcomed Father Thierry with a little Wine and Cheese party.

Meeting adjourned.

Attachments (not included in email)

- a. Agenda
- b. Adult Spirituality report
- c. Administrator report

d. Liturgy report

**Next meeting date / time: Wednesday, September 9, 2009, SAG Hospitality Center**

**Ministries to report:**

-RCIA

-OLR Site

-STA Site

**Opening Prayer / Faith Sharing:**

-RCIA

## Thomas House Update

The Thomas House Task Force is under the Building and Maintenance Committee and reports to that ministry. Lippert and Lippert are the architects hired for the Thomas House renovation project. The Thomas House received Historic designation by the city of Palo Alto, which will allow some aspects of the work to use less stringent set of building codes and result in a cost savings. We hired a historic architect to prepare the report for the Historic Review Board which resulted in the needed approvals. The architect has prepared a set of preliminary concept plans for all three floors of the renovation and met three times with representatives of the STA site to explain the logic of their design decisions and obtain site input. The next step is to refine the plans, obtain preliminary cost estimates, and issue an RFP so that contractor bids can be solicited. It is hoped that work can begin in early January.

## Time and Talent

Time and Talent will follow the same format as last year. The dates for each site are: October 11 at STA, October 17 & 18 SAG, and October 25 at OLR. Each ministry should have plenty of Volunteer forms to distribute during the event.

Meeting Adjourned 9:00 PM.

## **ATTACHMENTS (not included in email)**

- a. Agenda
- b. OLR Site Report
- c. STA Site Report
- d. RCIA report
- e. Via-Veritas-Vita-Verde!

**Next meeting: October 14, 2009, SAG Hospitality Center**

## **Faith Sharing**

-SAG Site

## **Ministries to report**

-SAG

-Catechetical

-Youth