

PASTORAL STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL

Minutes for the PSC Meeting on November 11, 2009

7 PM St. Albert the Great Hospitality Center

Council Members:

Adult Spirituality-Gerard McGuire	Human Concerns-Walt Lundin
Business Manager-Chuck Tully	Liturgy-Kay Williams
Catechetical Board-Jerry Lucha	OLR Site-Micky Martin (stand-in)
Communications-Nichole Khan	Pastor-Fr. George
Community Life-Jeanne Ramos	Parochial Vicar-Fr. Thierry
Facilities-Jim McLaughlin	SAG Site-Kathleen Hart
Finance-Rick Barry	STA Site-Helen Bauman (stand-in)
Hispanic Leadership-absent	Youth Board-Mary Clifford

Absent: Laura Chiu, Lorraine Dabney, Juanita Marquez

Guests: Roland Quinterro, Bud McKenna

Prologue

Jerry called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM. Facilities lead the Faith Sharing with a passage from Wisdom, chapter 6, which was very appropriate for Veteran's Day. The agenda was approved as written. The minutes were approved as amended.

Comments and Announcements from PSC Members / Guests

- Hispanic Leadership is organizing International Day, a fundraiser which will take place November 21.
- There will be a Newcomers Welcome Dessert Party at the Rectory November 21 at 7 PM.

CLERGY REPORT

- Father George commented on the new Parish logo, and Roland suggested that there should be a jpeg of the logo so the ministries can have access to it.
- STA is going very well and has a very enthusiastic planning group. The PSC is strongly encouraged to attend STA.
- Confirmation will be May 8, at 11 AM, at SAG.

- Ask the Pastor Q and A: Father George offered to answer any questions anyone might have (or Stump the Pastor). This will happen once in a while; get the questions in before the meeting.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Community Life

- Beverly Wade is the new Co-Chair for Community Life.
- A Cookie Crew has been created by Beverly, and consists of a list of individuals willing to bake cookies for various parish functions.
- The Father Jeronimo Good-Bye Party was really wonderful, and Community Life and Hispanic Leadership worked together to make it happen.
- Parish Picnic was very successful, and was the first “Green Picnic”, thanks to the efforts of Laura Chiu.
- New Parishioners are welcomed and registered into the Parish the 1st and 3rd Sunday at OLR, and the 1st Sunday at SAG.
- The Mass of Remembrance is November 14, and the Widow and Widower group is organizing a reception.

Facilities

Jim submitted a comprehensive, four page report on the many tasks performed by the facilities ministry. The report included a rundown of goals for the Thomas House. Some highlights:

- Making the building safe by upgrading electrical and heating facilities
- Making the first floor ADA
- Obtaining a City of Palo Alto Historical classification

Also included in the report is a list of summer work completed for the parish, various safety improvements made at all sites, and the hopes for future fund raising events.

Finance

- A special meeting was held November 9 to look at the economical situation. The reserves are down 47 %.
- Rick explained some highlights from the spreadsheet. Collections are down, but Christmas usually gets us through, and he feels we’re doing “ok.”
- He pointed out that we need substantial reserves since our Parish buildings are an average of 75 years old.

OLD BUSINESS

Time and Talent Database

Roland demonstrated the Time and Talent database. Every Time and Talent sheet collected this year has been inputted.

Parish-wide Retreat

The Parish-wide Retreat will follow a similar format as last year, and the topic will be The Year of the Priest. Each ministry is encouraged to contribute to the organization / planning of the event.

Christmas Eve Mass Schedule

- The Family Pageant Mass at OLR will be at 4 PM.
- The Family Pageant Mass at SAG will be at 6 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM

Attachments (not included in email)

Agenda

Community Life Report

Facilities Report

Finance Report

Next Meeting Date / Time: Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at SAG Hospitality Center

Ministries to Report:

Hispanic Leadership

St. Elizabeth Seton School