

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 10, 2009

IN ATTENDANCE

Fr. John Hennessey, , Mike Finley, Bill Zorc, Sue Zimmer, Russ Lehocky; Rena Calanca, Ann Oakley, Gerrie Neville Eric Gall, Rick Curschman, Jack Pepping, Paul Aichele.

UNABLE TO ATTEND: Ted Polk, Tom Dutton, Brian Will, Roland Catherall.
The previous month's minutes were approved. Our guests were Kevin Murphy and Bob Blanke.

OPENING PRAYER: Breaking Open The Word:

The Parish Pastoral Council members participated in reflection on the next Sunday's Gospel: John 2: 13-25. Responses included: rebuilding the Temple in three days, human nature and a question of do we put too many things in the way of the calling to our spiritual mission?

PARISH MISSION REFLECTION

We strive to make our Mission Statement more than just words. The PPC is working to make the Mission a living document through our initiatives and directives.

CHAIR REPORT:

Jack discussed the new meeting format and setting in the Loughry room. We decided to continue with the changes for lighting candles and movement of the tables. Moreover, the designated members who share the Breaking Open of the Word will also bring some form of refreshment.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP FOCUS: Finance Committee, Bob Blanke: We invited Bob to discuss our current fiscal year end budget and our cash flow plans for the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year. The parish runs a fiscal year that ends on June 30th. Bob walked us through the current numbers and projections for the upcoming year. Though all the figures are not set in stone, Bob reviewed the highlights and had several issues for our discussion:

- Plate collections are down about 3-1/2 % which is expected due to today's economy.
- Salaries remain flat.
- Healthcare expense is up.
- We have become dependent on the mall revenue. Unfortunately, retail lease rates have dipped significantly and we have not been able to lease the former Tuesday Morning space. The market looks for a different type of retail space today than we have in the Mil-Park space. The parking is the main usage requirement for St. Joe's.
- Twelve resumes have been received for Bob's position, Director of Administration, to date.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Father told us that he got quite a bit of positive feedback from our call to mission last week with John Paul. Father also discussed how valuable our Saturday retreat was a very good sharing opportunity for us all. Concerning our finances, Father discussed with us his concern for our parish and our mission and vision. The question he gave us was: What does the value of our parish mean to all of us and what are our challenges going forward in our call to being great stewards of treasure? We may need to find new

ways to reach out to our parishioners, perhaps through our Neighborhood Joe's, to give greater ownership to our family of faith.

PPC SATURDAY GATHERING / RETREAT DE-BRIEF: Our retreat was a taste for what we are calling the larger community to. Let down into heart and let Spirit in. We spoke our faith life to the PPC group during our Saturday gathering. For us, it was an evolution and growing happened with the PPC in retreat. There is a reforming of the PPC, less information and more interaction. It was a spiritual team building retreat. We will continue to discern where the Spirit will take the PPC from here.

PPC RETREAT CONTINUED - FAITH SHARING: Russ Lehocky was kind enough to share his faith sharing answers to the group since he was not be with us at the Saturday retreat.

COMMISSION REPORTS / HIGHLIGHTS:

Faith Formation: At the last meeting, the commission discussed the meeting with the PPC. They were grateful for the suggestions made by the PPC. Discussion was had and a decision was made to revisit the vision and mission of the commission. They are discerning about dealing more with adult faith formation. The Seder was cancelled due to cost and interest.

Human Concerns: No notes or minutes at this time. An annual review of the ministry will be had at the next meeting and will be noted at the next PPC meeting.

Spiritual Life: (notes to be sent by the commission liaison)

Stewardship: No meeting. Stewardship will be launching the new ministry guide and stewardship of talent program.

Parish Life: Caribbean Joe's was cancelled for now. A new date will be chosen at a later time in November. New Parishioner Welcoming Ministry successes were discussed including the welcome dinners in the Koenig Center. Alison Kosiek from LIFT and SWAT also came to the meeting. She discussed the Jr. High and High School programs and a possible service trip was mentioned.

Finance: See above.

LISTENINGS

Positive feedback from many on our Mission with Father John Paul.

Next meeting is April 14, 7:00 PM in Loughry Room; Eric Gall, Roland Catherall will lead our prayer, Breaking Open The Word.

Schedule for Breaking Open the Word:

May 12, Ann Oakley, Michael Finley

June 9, Rick Curschman, Rena Calanca

Closing prayer and adjournment