

## Meeting Minutes of St. Mary Parish Pastoral Council

Thursday, April 17, 2008 Revised 5-15-08

Meeting began at 7:10pm with Prayer

Approval of minutes of February 21, 2008

- a. Current business- Scott presented Peggy with a gift for 10 yrs of service to Monroe Vicariate
- b. Fr.-fundraisers. We should talk about the pros and cons.  
Cons-we are in the midst of C.C., CSA, the economy, what people are going through. Are we already asking enough? What would be the effects of the school?  
Pros- the parish should get into a habit of this type of almsgiving. We should also give alms as a parish.

Michelle suggested that the school is having a fundraiser meeting and all are welcome, the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 7p at the school hall, we are re-structuring our fundraisers.

Smaller fundraisers are possible like going out to eat, for example using Applebee's certificate, or McDonald's night, a percentage of the profits go to the school. Try to look at types of things to do that people are already spending money on.

Dale-do we want an ongoing fundraiser or 1x a year? We should do some research on it first and ask for volunteers.

Jay- if we could get Catholics to give more than what they're giving, how could we do it?

The average Catholic gives about 1.5% of their income. Buy into what we believe in.

Erica-the Lutheran Church talked about tidings a lot. We don't talk about it at all.

Scott-why does it always have to be the people? St. Martha's has a guest hockey player who comes and does autographs, sell t-shirts, etc. we could make a couple thousand.

Fr.-these ideas are great, we should look at a fundraiser even in spite of the economy.

What is the next step? A sub-committee? John- No, that's a Stewardship function.

Michelle-maybe there's a dinner we can do. Italian or polish. Do we have a chairperson who could start a committee? Someone outside this council? We could ask Stewardship about it. Jay agreed.

Fr.- how about if each of us ask a person to volunteer on a dinner committee?

Peggy-a lot of people will also donate food.

Building Committee-Dale, all contracted projects are completed. We have taken in \$265,521, the balance is \$125,237. We have a need for storage/garage this spring and summer we plan to tear down the old garage and cement, and put in the new concrete. We will do the drawing and the Vocational Education Consortium will build it at cost, materials only. Which is estimated at \$30-40,000, half of the amount budgeted, because of no labor costs.

Fr. is concerned of the church floor for safety reasons, hopefully that will be done soon. Also I noticed at the beginning of C.C. the garage was not included on the "need" list. I would like to mention that to the parishioners.

Michelle- is the garage being built with the idea of an office for maintenance?

Dale-if there is a need, put it out there.

c. 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the parish- Dale reported that we kicked around a lot of ideas; pick say 20 people and send an invitation to come to the meeting to plan the events.

d. Have a parish reunion on a weekend celebration.

Fr. have we discussed a date?

Yes, it's April 14, 2009 (Easter)

Peggy-The Vicariate and the archdiocese is also planning events.

John- can ask when he goes to the Vicariate meeting what they are planning.

Fr. March 25<sup>th</sup> can be the kick-off (wed.). Keep in mind to invite the Cardinal and the Bishop, we'd have to do it in advance.

Michelle- we can have items for the entire year with the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary such as stickers, the bulletin, logo's.

Fr.- for the first week of May, let's get the invitations out for the volunteers.

e. Fr.'s questions- Hierarchical order #4 to work on, I believe that Jesus is the crux of our faith, we can motivate and lead our parishioners, if we do, it will be the solution to all our problems.

John-is formation already working on it?

Angela- yes we are at the action part of it-maybe a movie night, Holy Hour for vocations.

Fr.-could each grade sponsor an hour of devotion for an all night vigil?

Michelle- not sure, probably most parents wouldn't. If we did a sleep over it would work.

Fr.-the legion airs of Christ do door to door ministry, we could invite them to an evening service to train youth to do it, the parents could supervise.

Michelle- pray for vocations, the kids could do it on Thursdays. Fr. Bernie is coming here to talk .

Jill-we need opportunities to put our kids more in touch with the priests.

Education Formation – Angela reported that they had a productive meeting, she will come back next meeting with ideas.

Fr.- I would like to see St. Mary's have "Perpetual Adoration" 24 hr. around the clock.

Michelle thanked Angela for doing the retreat, she did a great job.

IV. Commission Reports. Written reports distributed.

Fr. directed the Worship Commission's hearts and minds towards Corpus Christi May 25, after 11:30a mass, an outdoor procession.

Christian Service - Jill reported that we are going to do Mothers Day cards again and the roses. Christnet is May 18-25 we have a lot of volunteers, which covers overnight and food. We are planning a Rock a thon fundraiser for June 14 for the Fr. Sauter scholarship.

Fr.- next year we can look at doing 2 weeks for Christnet.

Vicariate- John, the Vicariate pushed for us to submit a written plan for clustering, there are 2 parts, we did the first part. We didn't do the plan, which is in the event that we lose our pastor what would we do? The council discussed the issue, it was mentioned that we

developed a plan with St. Roch's, perhaps it was submitted on our behalf with them but this was not acceptable?

John asked what message should I take back?

Fr. asked if he should call the Bishop and try to straighten this out? John asked him to wait, and he will try and get more info.

a. Memo to Commissions attachment- every commission member should know About memo's being sent out. Fr. Jim, PPC president and council should review letters first.

b. Reference letter from Scott to Michelle.

Darryl- notes and flyers should also be referenced to commission members first.

Scott- in my defense, I thought council agreed that I should send a letter.

Fr. - I should have looked at it first before it went out.

c. Response to school letter by Michelle Seward- I was very upset when I saw the letter. I strive to follow procedures. There's such growth in the parish, but it doesn't come without bumps (hurt feelings). If we are truly a family, we have to get passed this.

Scott- I'm not upset with you at all- then left the meeting.

Michelle- my experience is when someone writes a letter the content is agreed on.

I need to know what you want from me as a council, generally it is not expected of principles to attend PPC meetings. I have six other meetings per month, and I don't have a representative at this time. Could I come quarterly? If you want me to come all the time I will. There was no response from council.

Meeting ended at 9:15 pm. with prayer.

Members present:

Fr. Jim

Wally Bahny

Jill Brazier

Peggy Chatell

Dale Cousino

Darryl Gregerson

Erica Hartman

Scott Head

Marie O'Hara

Jay Otten

John Prohaska

Members Absent:

LouAnn Rinna

Guests

Beth Herzog

Michelle Seward

Angela Maile

Signed- Donna Galante