

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church  
October 25, 2010

Member present: Jim Purcell, Fr. Jerry Ragan, Rhee Fincher, Deacon Ken Maleck, Steve Givens, Mike Hamilton, Eric McArdle, Katie Conner, Lisa Murray, Walter Moore, Joe McBride, Dori Thorstad

Excused: Harmony Prestifilippo

Fr Jerry opened the meeting with prayer.

Reports:

Jim- Update for SMS principal search

- The search attracted hundreds of lookers, but only 4 completed applications were received.
- Pastoral Council will review the applications and discuss the applications with Fr. Jerry.

Update on Chiller-

Dori-

- The permanent was put in place last Wednesday.
- We are waiting on Gold Mech to complete final installation. They did have 3 months notice, so we are unsure why everything is not in place as planned. Dori believes we should bill Gold Mech on chiller rental since everything arrived on the scheduled due date.
- Someone gave Jimmy a date of November 1<sup>st</sup>, so we will look into that.

Update on Habitat House-

- Fr Jerry reported that Anna Avrett has been successful in getting volunteers. Everything is going well and running on schedule.

Update on Catholic Come Home-

- Deacon Ken is preparing for December.
- He will have banners for the Narthex and will have cards available in order to have numeration for those Catholics who do come back.
- Meetings begin on January 11 in the Annunciation House.
- Prime time TV ads will run December 17<sup>th</sup> – mid January
- Deacon Ken will speak at all Masses in Mid December

Discussion on interplay between stewardship and school budgeting.

- The gap between the offertory and the school budget is growing every year.
- The school family pledges have decreased over the last few years. The offertory has been flat as well.
- Fr Jerry raised the question, does the parish staff call those school families who are not on track, or do we let it go?

- Rhee made the point that there is an expectation of all members to have a stewardship commitment.
- Katie suggested educating those school families who are not on board with the true meaning of stewardship. Education needs to start with the families who are benefiting from stewardship.
- Jim posed the concern over enforcement of stewardship.
  - We could establish a minimum church attendance policy, but not a minimum tithe/ pledge.
- Dori offered to send a letter out to the entire parish, but she is worried about a negative effect.
- Fr Jerry is worried about the children he sees attending daily school Mass, but does not see over the weekend.
- Mary Davis will be helping with Stewardship. She is also working on GRACE scholarships.

#### SMS Commission

- Rhee has established 5 or 6 sub committees for the SMS Commission
- 3 new teachers have been hired
- Rhee suggested celebrating/ highlighting teachers in the Marianite about all the good works they are doing

Fr Jerry reported that most commissions are up and running except Community and Pastoral Care.

Fr Jerry closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lisa Murray