

Pastoral Council Minutes
6/28/10
Parish Hall
5:03-6:40 PM

Attendees: Jim Purcell (Chair), Steve Givens, Ken Maleck, Fr. Jerry Ragan, Katie Connor, Alicia Ramage, Harmony Prestifilippo, Eric McArdle, Walt Moore, Al Sullivan, Rhee Fincher

Guests: Rich Dimenna, Dori Thorstad, Pat Fair, Vernon Knight, Joe McBride

Excused: Lisa Murray

The meeting opened with prayer at 5:03 PM.

Minutes of the 5/24/10 meeting were approved.

Budget highlights for FY 2011 presented by Dori Thorstad (See budget handout) Budget for FY 2011 remained the same as for FY 2011 despite lower income. Highlights include:

- Health insurance premiums stable with broadened network of providers
- Lay personnel costs similar without salary increases
- Overhead adjusted for inflation
- Property and liability insurance set by diocese (not yet), but expected to be <5% increase
- Tithe account: The portion of this account that contributes to deanery projects decreased slightly because SMOTH offertory decreased slightly in FY 2010. New tithe projects for the upcoming FY are: Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Services, and the Lydia project.
- School stewardship remained same
- Diocesan tax decreased because of decrease in offertory (\$19K)
- Capital expense items stable

After discussion, the budget was unanimously approved.

Cooling problem in church: Chiller malfunctioning; Babbitt is working on this

Habitat for Humanity report by Rich Dimenna

Home owner has been selected and has accomplished enough sweat equity to select lot (which has been cleared). Recommendation has been made to have a parish dinner to solicit volunteers (Terry Wick has volunteered to do the dinner).

Volunteers for several tasks have already committed

- Parishioner has volunteered to pour concrete flooring
- Parishioner has volunteered to do electrical work

Volunteers needed for the following:

- **Volunteer coordinator** for the entire project, a task Ron Walling has fulfilled for a long time. The job primarily entails organizing: work with Habitat office to determine how many volunteers are needed on a particular weekend; schedule the groups that volunteered to work. Rich will check the list of volunteers for Habitat from the 2010 commitment process.
- **Coordinator for various tradesmen**, including labor and materials
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Ground breaking ceremony is scheduled for tomorrow, 6/29/10, at 5:15 PM before ground is actually broken. The land is in Barton Village, close to Gordon Hwy.

School news was reported by Joe McBride. His initial goals revolve around morale, unity, and accountability. They include:

- Share and live Catholic faith
- Raise morale of teachers. Joe is concerned that faculty is somewhat fractured in the wake of decisions of the last few years. He will begin the academic by reading Philippians 2:1-18 to set the stage.
- Three new teachers have been hired. Reading resource teacher Kelly O'Connor Strauss; PE teacher Ann Marie Nogel; music teacher Robin Macy who has subsequently resigned
- Make decisions in the best interest of school children
- Enhance sense of accountability to those SMS serves (parish at large, not just the parents who have children in the school)

A question was asked about teacher involvement in school leadership to which Joe responded that each department has a chair and the chairs/principal meet monthly, but has not been an active group. Suggestions included having a teacher retreat (could be on a Saturday or a school half-day).

Commission leadership: Fr. Jerry asked for leader volunteers for the Worship (Mike Hebert has been suggested) and Community Commissions. Eric and Fr. Jerry will define the role of facilitator for each commission and then meet with nominees.

Nominees for Gartland Awards: Fr. Jerry asked the Council members to think about candidates who volunteer substantially to the parish. Fr. Jerry will email the list of recipients for the last ten years. The award is intended to recognize sustained service over time.

Fr. Jerry's ministry to senior priests: Fr. Jerry asked for guidance regarding the role of senior priests. The deacons have been paired with the senior priests for several months; deacons will preach more often.

Focus points for pastoral year will be deferred to the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Pastoral Council will be August 23, 2010 at 5:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Fr. Jerry recommends summer reading:

<http://www.pastoralcouncils.com/about-mark-fischer/vita/trenton/>

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher

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- Overhead adjusted for inflation
- Property and liability insurance set by diocese (not yet), but expected to be <5% increase
- Tithe account: Set by deanery; decreased slightly because SMOTH offertory decreased slightly in FY 2010; no change in the ministries supported by parish; new tithe projects are Habitat for Humanity, Veterans Services, and the Lydia project
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