

**Pastoral Council Minutes**  
**October 20, 2014**  
**Parish Hall, 5:30 PM**

Meeting was called to order at 5:33 PM with prayer by Fr. Jerry.

Leadership Meeting with Bishop Hartmayer before Confirmation on 11/3/2014

- Logistics
  - Meet at 4:15 PM in Parish Hall
  - Reception at the rectory following.
- Topics for discussion
  - Bishop's expectations of parish? Philosophy of diocesan leadership? – Walt
    - Focus on Family Life?
  - Hispanic Outreach - Rhee
    - Overdue; multi-language banners (English, Spanish, Vietnamese)
    - Very supportive – suggestions for how a parish like SMOTH might support this in addition to financial support of missions in South Georgia
  - BAA – concerns or suggestions? - Jim
    - Disappointed by SMOTH's struggle to meet BAA; suggestions?
  - Pastoral Center
    - Cost = \$7.6M; hope to sell current pastoral center for \$4M
    - Strategy for funding center in light of challenges in meeting BAA
  - Parish – concerns or suggestions?
    - Overview of plans – ask bishop for reaction and suggestions
      - Aligning ministries with parish mission
      - May be premature; perhaps topic for next year
  - Southern Cross – Skip this one
    - Cost to parish: \$24K/year; SMOTH only collects about \$6000/year

Church Endowment

- Existing SMS endowment – Continued discussion about developing a document for allocation which will be modeled after that of the Blessed Sacrament parish
  - Spend 4%/year
  - Discussion about tithing endowment distribution (10%)
- Discussion regarding allocation
  - Adult Faith Formation Scholarships
    - Ministry leader development – e.g.,
      - CCD teachers
      - Youth Ministry
      - Spiritual direction training – Creighton
      - Stewardship formation
  - Aquinas High School Scholarships

- Foster continuum of Catholic education beyond SMS where tithing families do not pay tuition
- Not much support for this use: Capital Improvements – Small amount of money for this purpose

#### Annunciation House renovation and potential uses

- Current uses: Youth and young adult ministries, Catholic outreach to GRU
- Potential future use
  - Catholic Center for GRU - Consider forming a board to oversee Catholic outreach to GRU and let them use Annunciation House; could be fostered by recruitment of a new Catholic chaplain at GRU Health
  - Idea to use for senior housing not moving forward
- Renovation
  - Asbestos – move ahead with disposal
  - Need to improve general appearance

#### Guidelines for Flu Season – c.f. Dallas Guidelines

- Reviewed and generally felt to be appropriate guidance

#### Pastor's Varia

- Finance Commission leadership change – Bill Cashin would like to step down as chair but remain on commission; office will generate a list of Finance Commission members for the last 10 years as basis for identifying next chair
- Fr. Jerry will check on how the Tithe Account funds are allocated – should be congruent with parish mission and trends; Katie O'Connor agreed to join the Tithe Commission and Jim Purcell will rotate off

#### Next Meeting

- 4:15 PM on Monday, November 3

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Rhee Fincher  
Recorder**