

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
St. Mary on the Hill Catholic Church
March 16, 2009

Members Present:

Fr. Jerry Ragan, Fr. Mark Van Alstine, Eric McArdle, Mary Davis, Steve Givens, Mike Hamilton, Jim Purcell, Alicia Ramage, Harmony Prestifilippo, Lisa Murray

Absent:

Deacon Don McArdle, Deacon Al Sullivan, Deacon Ken Maleck, Rhee Fincher, Rhonda Wallace, John Fisher

Fr. Jerry opened the meeting with a reading from the Gospel of John and then prayer.

The minutes from last month were approved.

Eric-

- Presented the National Leadership Roundtable On Church Management – A Resource for Parish Planning DVD.
- After the DVD presentation there was discussion and the general consensus was that while there is always room for improvement, St. Mary's has already been doing what was suggested in the DVD.

Fr Jerry-

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

- If the school is moved to the new location at Most Holy Trinity and becomes a parish school then it would be in competition with SMS.
- Fr. Jerry does not see the need for continued subsidy, since the mission of the school has changed.
- The Bishop would like us to continue subsidizing I.C. and this is imposing a budget on the deanery.
- Fr Jerry feels like SMS could educate the children from I.C. better and cheaper; however, he would like to understand the Bishop's vision.
- Fr Jerry would like the Pastoral Council's recommendation on the matter. Also, Jim Purcell, Pat Fair and Eric McArdle have been asked to speak with the Bishop.
- Jim pointed out that this move has the blessing of the Pastor, the Pastoral Council and the Finance Committee of Most Holy Trinity.
- Jim raised the question, why wouldn't SMS absorb the students from I.C., rather than move the school to a new location when there are only 80 students?

Jim Purcell-

FUNDRAISERS

- We have an obligation to see how the money is spent from each fundraiser and where the money goes.
- Every fundraiser should be discouraged unless it meets the requirements of Canon Law. Most fundraisers should never go before to Fr Jerry.
- No real fundraising definition has been set, but Canon Law requires us to have an objective and accountability.
- This would be something to give Rhee in order for the Stewardship Commission to examine it more closely.

Mary Davis-

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES were presented:

- Pew plaques \$500.00
- Chair plaques in the Day Chapel \$100.00
- Stained glass window refurbishment. ..A Donor Board to recognize contributors
- School Naming Opportunities (voted down)
- It was decided that we needed something in writing for those people who called in for suggestions on how they might donate in memory of a loved one.
- Mary will get the list of opportunities updated and completed.

Fr Jerry closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Murray