

SMOTH Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Parish Hall, 5:30 PM
5/19/2014

Attendees: Jennifer Bovitz, Katie Conner, Rhee Fincher, Steve Givens, Martha Kearns, Ken Maleck, Jim Purcell, Fr. Jerry Ragan

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM and began with prayer.

Pastoral Council membership for 2014-2015

- Need to review bylaws – recollection is that in general Council members serve two 3-year terms; longer at the pastor’s discretion. The following have completed two terms: Rhee Fincher, Steve Givens, Eric McArdle, and Jim Purcell. Fr. Jerry asked Rhee and Eric to continue for another term; they agreed. Jim and Steve will rotate off; Steven agreed to continue to chair the Stewardship Commission. Fr. Jerry and the entire Commission thanked Jim and Steve for their sustained, thoughtful contributions and leadership.
- Desired qualities of Council members
 - Fr. Jerry said that love of the Eucharist and the faith community is a foundational necessity
 - Other desired characteristics, particularly if we embark on concepts of White and Corcoran’s *Rebuilt*
 - Suggestions to consider: Meg Mirshak, members from youth community activities (e.g., Rawson and Britt Trulock), parents of younger children. Ask Michael Lammers for suggestions.

Future goals – Began discussion

- Group recommended identifying people who would be well suited for Pastoral Council as first step
- Evangelization – including hospitality, international reach-out – social outreach ministries
- Faith formation - _____ Herman is helping Fr. Jerry with Sat. men’s group
- Send suggestions to Fr. Jerry

School Commission

- The following list of commission nominees was approved unanimously

School Commission Members 2014-2015 (Possibly final - 6/5/2014)

Final Recommendations for Membership on the School Commission and Its Committees				
Name	School Commission	Marketing & Public Relations Committee	Stewardship & Development Committee	Term Ends/Comments
Bequi Coar	x			2016
Rhee Fincher	x			2015
John Strelec	x			Courtesy-No termination date
Steve Hagler	x			2917 – Chair - Confirmed

Charles Whatley	x			2017 – Vice chair - Confirmed
Rob Johnson	x			2017 - Confirmed
Kyle McArdle	x		x	2017 - Confirmed
Sarah O’Neil	x			2017 - Confirmed
Alicia Ramage	x	x		2017 - Confirmed
Chris Sweeney	x	x		2017 - Confirmed
Ex-officio members				
Fr. Jerry	x			
Joe McBride	x			
Mary Beth Mitchell	x			
Martha Kearns	x			
Maureen Lewis	x			
Deacon Al Sullivan	x			Development director for SMS

Stewardship Commission

- Steve has finalized an agreement to make the stewardship DVD; Eric volunteered to rough out script for Steve to edit

The Story of a Catholic Parish Rebuilt discussion – take-away messages

- Be bold; will be some failures
- Feel free to borrow ideas from others (e.g., Protestants)
- How to expand commitment of those who are already tithing – even more expected (Deacon Al Sullivan and stewardship – Fr. Jerry pleased with early work)
- Some will leave if challenged; ok
- Parish needs to be involved in rebuilding a parish, not just the charism of the pastor

Pastor’s Varia

- Sr. Josephine is retiring and moving to Our Lady of the Angels Convent in Tenafly, TN. She is retiring precipitously due to health problems
- Dr. Shirley George has left a bequest of \$21,000 which may be used for an agreed-up good cause. Suggestions included repair Annunciation House, repair Fr. Charlie’s house
- Fr. Charlie is leaving more than \$1M in his Foundation; he has given about \$1M to help the poor
- Twice someone has broken into “poor box”; police report has been filed

Agenda items for next meeting – **June 23, 2014 – Meeting will be at 5:00 PM**

- What one thing do you feel passionate about from *Rebuilt*?

The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhee Fincher
Recorder

Next meeting: 6/23/2014