

Pastoral Council Minutes
February 24, 2014
Parish Hall
DRAFT #1

Attendees: Katie Conner, Jim Purcell, Steve Givens, Fr. Jerry Ragan, Martha Kearns, Ken Maleck, Joe McBride, Walter Moore, Eric McArdle, Jennifer Bovitz

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM with prayer. The minutes of the 1/26/14 meeting were approved.

Stewardship: Fr. Jerry introduced this topic, saying that now is a good time to reflect on stewardship with the recently announced resignation of Mary Davis. Her role will be reviewed to determine next steps to ensure that proper and consistent follow up is occurring with some of the school families regarding their commitments. Several options were discussed in terms of possible individuals to involve going forward. One change being considered is moving Marketing to the school versus lumping it under the larger stewardship umbrella.

Fr. Jerry handed out a memo Steve Givens (Stewardship Commission Chairperson) authored regarding next steps for the Stewardship Commission. There was full agreement that the Commission's focus on Formation is the right one going forward. Steve plans to have three to four annual formation events with the next one scheduled for Saturday, May 3rd, after the 9:15 Mass. Steve is open to input regarding topics and focus areas so that the right presenters are lined up. Fr. Costigan's most recent stewardship talk was believed to have been very effective, especially for those attendees who were not around when stewardship started in the parish. (he provided some of the history) The next Stewardship Commission meeting will be held on March 31st.

Another stewardship project not yet started is the creation of an 8 -10 minute video to introduce new parishioners to our church with the thought that key leaders could meet with new parishioners about their stewardship commitment after they had seen this video. CSC and Mark Williamson were discussed as options to assist us with the video.

Strong Catholic Families: There is a meeting set for Wednesday, 2/26 for families to have fellowship over pizza and sign up for an assignment for the "Works of Mercy" work day planned for Saturday, March 22nd. There were 40 people signed up as of today, but there will be other options to sign up for the 3/22 event.

Pastor's Varia:

- Current plan is to bring Cleaning of the School in house at the conclusion of the Jani-King contract. It is believed cleaning will be managed better this way and will save money in longer term.

- The Parish Mission is scheduled for March 9th – 12th and will be led by Ennie Hickman, who is associated with the Steubenville Youth Conferences.
- The Parish Directory has gone to the publisher and hopefully will be available for distribution in about a month.
- Everyone received a copy of the notes on “Pillars of Stewardship” that Fr. Jerry shared during the February 10th Ministry Leaders Meeting for the Pastoral Council’s review outside of the meeting.
- Father Healy’s retirement is coming soon and he may be in a position to support our parish in his retirement.
- “*Rebuilt*” by White and Corkin is a book that Fr. Jerry recommends that we all read so that we can discuss it at our May 19th Pastoral Council meeting (he is willing to order copies for members)

Topics for Next Meeting:

- Review of School Commission Meeting notes that were handed out
- Impact of Grace Scholars to SMS and Aquinas this year

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Bovitz
Substitute Recorder

Documents distributed:

Pillars of Stewardship notes from the Ministry Leaders Meeting on February 10th
Steve Givens email re: Stewardship Commission next steps
SMOTH School Commission Minutes from the 2/18/14 meeting

The remainder of the Pastoral Council meetings for FY 2014 will be:

March 24
May 19
June 23