



Parish Pastoral Council

November 2012 PPC Meeting Minutes for Review/Comments

Our Parish Pastoral Council met on November 13th, 2012 at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Present were: Fr. Barry Moriarty , Mike Rice, Jane, Dave Espinoza, John Mitchell, Jon Assell, Dave Wisneski, Tom Micinski, Jessica Marx, Anna Althoff, Bert Olson, Christine Villoch and Rebecca O'Brien.

Father Barry provided our opening prayer.

Building Committee Update: Dave Espinoza of the Building Committee (BC) provided everyone in attendance with a thorough update on all matters relating to the proposed renovations and improvements to the church and its respective grounds. Dave mentioned the BC has recently grown to 20 members, seven of whom were added as a result of the Ministry Fair held in September. Much of the discussion was centered around last year's shortcomings, particularly the communication breakdown between the BC, PC and the parish at large. Similarly, a great deal of the BC Update questioned the necessary steps moving forward and the appropriate decision making criteria for entire project. The BC meets once a month; its next meeting was scheduled for November 14, 2012. Dante Domenella is to attend and provide an update on various items such as layout, flow, feel and perhaps a new concept. In addition, The Stier Group is supposed to attend and provide professional expertise surrounding the financial feasibility or said project. Dave mentioned the need for immediate commencement of a capital campaign. Completion of all phases is projected for 2015: the 125 anniversary of the church and 500 birth year of St. Teresa of Avila.

Finance Committee Update: Jane of the Finance Committee (FC) provided everyone in attendance with a snapshot of the parish finances. First discussed was the difference between Weekly Expenses vs. Operating Expenses. This presented the opportunity to discuss the current deficit of the parish and various efforts, such as Preserving Our Heritage, Planned Offering and TOYL, to fund and alleviate such pressures. Jane emphasized that higher parish costs, such as the Food Pantry budget, a full-time addition to the payroll and declining collections are the causes for the current financial state.

Advent & Christmas: Dave Wisneski mentioned that Deacon Hector decorated the church in previous years and questioned how we might try and replicate for this coming season. Tom Micinski discussed *Breakfast with Santa* and offered the notion that a caterer may be used this year.

Summer Event: Rebecca O'Brien discussed the proposed Summer Event; currently the Summer Events Committee is 'open to all' ideas for this event. Rebecca is going to meet with the Alderman in the near future and discuss logistics. Different ideas were offered: Farmers Market, Brunch, Talent Show, BBQ, Beers & Burgers, etc.

Next Meeting – December, 10th at 7:00pm.