



Parish Pastoral Council

February 2013 PPC Meeting Minutes for Review/Comments

Our Parish Pastoral Council met on February 11th, 2013 at 7:00pm, in the Parish Center. Present were: Fr. Barry Moriarty, Dave Wisneski, Tom Micinski, Mark Matejka, Justin Peters, Jane Bronson, Jessica Marx, Tony Rivera and Bert Olson.

Father Barry provided our opening prayer along with a brief comment regarding Pope Benedict XVI recent decision to resign as successor of Peter.

Ashes at the El: Tom Micinski recently burned last year's palms in preparation for Ash Wednesday; the vests and signs will be located in the meeting area for volunteers on Wednesday morning. Fr. Barry will bless the ashes at 6:00am just before volunteers set out to distribute ashes underneath the Armitage El station. At the time of the PPC meeting, over 15 parishioners have volunteered for the annual event.

Building Committee: Dave Wisneski provided the group with an update from Dave Espinoza, who was unable to attend the meeting. They Steier Group have been rehired to assist with the overall improvement/beatification project of the church; they meet regularly on Tuesday and Thursday. Rich Spalding of the Steier Group has indicated a number of items in order to 'kickoff' the project which is said to span roughly 16 weeks. A letter will be sent to every parishioner along with numerous inserts in the weekly bulletin to describe the improvements and necessary funds to complete this project. The next Building Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, Feb 19th.

Cuisine de Cours: Over 300 people attended this year's event, last Sunday afternoon which spanned almost four hours. Children were present to sing in French and we accompanied by musicians. All who attended the event raved about the food and said it was a great success for all.

Finance Committee: Jane Bronson was on hand to provide the PPC with an update on the parish's current financial standings. Jane distributed a spreadsheet accompanied with a graph to display the monthly collections. The update provided a sense that donations are down somewhat; September of last year being the largest decrease seen in recent years. Everyone in attendance asked thought provoking questions and offered suggestions on this topic. Jane mentioned that automatic accounts and envelop donations are a huge portion of the churches weekly connection; there is continued talk of having kiosks located in the back of church for those who carry little cash or prefer credit cards. It was made clear that St. Teresa's cannot simply rely upon TOYL to make up the yearly difference.

Miscellaneous: Dave Wisneski provided all with an update on the Oscar Myer Walk a Thon. Bert Olson provided an update on the proposed Summer Event; possible themes are still being considered and discussed. Jane Bronson provided copies of a new document, created to streamline the decision making process and overall organization of proposed events/fundraisers.

Next Meeting - March, 11th at 7:00pm.