

**ST. TERESA OF AVILA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
DECEMBER 9, 2013**

MEETING PARTICULARS

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) was held in the Parish Center, starting at 7:00PM on Monday, December 9, 2013.

ATTENDANCE

Council Members Attending: Fr. Frank Latzko, Kate Lynch, Tom Micinski, Paolo Basil, Addison Carpenter, Lina Hilko, Jessica Marx, Rebecca O'Brien, Bert Olson, Justin Peters, Amir Rafizadeh

Council Members Absent: John Assell, Mike Rice, Tony Rivera

Others Attending: Anna Althoff, Christine and Pat Murray

MINUTES

Opening Prayer and Activity – Lina Hilko

Prayer based on Matthew 14:15-21 “feeding of the 5000.” Opening group discussion: “What about St. Teresa’s nourishes you?”

Standing Reports

Finance Update – Justin Peters

Justin provided a printed report. Spirit on Armitage attained less than its financial goal, though final results yet unknown (something like \$95k as opposed to goal of \$110k). Main message to Parish is still to increase weekly/periodic collections. It is the “periphery” people, not our big supporters, that we need to convert to automated giving to improve on this goal.

Building & Facilities – Tom Micinski

Renovation committee meeting to be held this coming Wednesday evening. Moving into detailed designs. More visuals forthcoming for parishioners. Planning to publish names of renovation committee members in bulletin. Nothing positive or negative to report on property sale.

Events/Fundraising – Rebecca O'Brien

Rebecca has asked Deanna to have lunch to learn more about Spirit on Armitage results.

Social Justice – Amir Rafizadeh

Erica Saccucci has been handling the Blood Drive up to now, and we have recruited a new leader. Considering holding a Blood Drive in March.

Faith Formation – Kate Lynch

New youth continue joining catechesis even now. Family activities (such as Advent Wreath-making have been a huge hit. Want to continue offering such hands-on family activities.

Pastoral Matters

PPC Organization – Lina Hilko

- Lina communicated that there seemed a lack of definition around PPC (who is on it; what's the function) when she joined. She wanted to clarify membership and function.
- Reviewed “straw man” description. Much discussion on function; never got to membership.
- Function discussion resulted in some confusion on the issue of PPC being an instrument of the Pastor. Fr. Frank was introducing the point that vision must be shared broadly amongst parishioners and not be a “top-down” thing. Much discussion of “whose council is it?” No definite conclusions before needing to move on to other business.
- There seems to be agreement on the desire to create more inclusiveness, more engagement, more measurable successes.

Ministry Organization – Anna Althoff

Anna handed out individual ministry documentation sheets for each ministry to update (from 2010). She demonstrated a goals template and gathered members' comments. Members agreed toward a mid-January goal to complete the updates and goal-setting with individual ministries.

Haiti Initiatives – Christine and Pat Murray

- Christine and Pat introduced the origins of the parish's involvement with Haiti.
 - In 2011, raised \$20k from St. Teresa's toward a \$60k project to create a chapel and community center in Haiti.
 - In 2012, raised \$20k (associated with Fr. Frank's Camino) for a project to bring clean water from a spring to the parish. Of the \$20k, about 1/3 came from St. Teresa supporters; the rest from Fr. Frank's friends and former parishioners.
- Christine mentioned receiving inspiration from or collaborating with authors of two books: Mountains Beyond Mountains by Tracy Kidder and In the Company of the Poor about the lives of Dr. Paul Farmer and Fr. Gustavo Gutierrez.
- Anna Althoff has been helping Christine put define the current initiative:
 - Zamni Lasante PARIS helps fund daily meals for about 11,000 children at 2 schools at \$0.37/meal. ZLP provided \$40k last year. Due to loss of a funding source, the program is short \$20k for this school year. ZLP seeks to raise \$20k.
 - PPC discussed the concept. There's a general perception that the parish is asking too many times for contributions/increases. PPC suggested and encouraged Christine and Anna to design alternative approaches.
- The Murray's are already scheduled to speak at end of all masses this weekend. What should be the message? Fr. Frank suggested, and PPC agreed, that the key goal should be to recruit two parishioners to become the ZLP-St. Teresa leaders to help support the Murrays, especially since they split their time between Parish, Haiti, and Chicago.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting (regular, monthly PPC meeting) will be January 13, 2014 at 7:00 PM.
The meeting ended at about 9:20PM.

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