

Minutes
St. Rita Parish Pastoral Council
November 17, 2008

Attendees:

Kathleen Anne	Tom Bayer	Dottie DeLano
Drew Desmarais	Fr. Hoan Dinh	Rich Engel
Will Goodness	Fr. Chuck Latus	John O'Connor
Sr. Katherine Ann	Jim Sauer	
Eileen Scott	Barb Tatanus	
Ann Tiberio	Dick Wagner	

Excused:

Drew Pawluk	Betsy Swovick	Lisa Swovick
Joe Holleran		

Opening Prayer: John O'Connor

Reading of Vision Statement from State of Parish Report: *To nurture and grow the spiritual vitality of each and every Saint Rita parishioner and support them along their life journey as Disciples of Christ while fostering a vibrant, engaging, welcoming faith community.*

Confirmation of October minutes: Minutes were approved with no changes

Council Meeting Schedule:

- December meeting is a social meeting and not formal. Instead of gifts, members are to donate \$10 in buddy's name to charity.
- 4/20/09 is during spring break. We will have meeting on 4/27/09 instead
- Should discuss Fiesta at future meeting
- Need to discuss expansion of church and possibly have Bob Healy the architect come and meet with us.

Pastor Report

- Fr. Chuck apologized for not being at October meeting
- Finance – we are currently in the black even though the school bill was paid differently this year. Also Father said that weekly envelope contribution goals change with month.
- Stewardship – more cards have come back than last year-every year every family should fill out new card.
- CMA- currently 541 donors and \$58,000 in gifts. We are ahead of diocesan percentage. After New Years there will be a coffee and donut thank you from Stewardship Committee.

- Fr. Chuck, Fr. Hoan, Sr. Katherine Ann and Paul Dangler will be meeting along with Lisa Passero about this year's budget for school and it needing to be more consistent
- Fr. Hoan reported that 50-53 people are participating in the new Bible study program this fall. They are studying Mark's gospel. A budget for group is needed for leaders to have access to materials to improve knowledge. Bibles are to be blessed first weekend of Advent.

Constitution Discussion: John O'Connor

- Fr. Chuck sees PPC as an elected body that reflects parish. The PPC will oversee Pillar visions.
- Committee leaders only need to report to PPC if they have specific projects and they do not need to report to PPC every month . Finance, Stewardship, and Faith Formation are strong committees. It was mentioned that we need more information about the activities of the Social Action Committee.
- The following are comments made regarding the constitution:
 1. Evangelization - continued discussion of how to get people to come to church. It was mentioned that we could possibly get a guest speaker to talk to us about this in the spring
 2. Membership – Father is technically not a member of PPC, but priests and deacons should be at meetings. It was mentioned that the member from 18 to 25 years old is hard to get on PPC and maybe the age bracket should be changed. PPC has not been promoted recently and this needs to be done.

Open Discussion:

- We should have liason reports as needed from groups and committees in parish
- Stewardship Committee is working on cards they have received. Heads of committees have been notified about interested parishioners.
- St. Rita Society donated \$250 to spiritual library fund.
- Any suggestions for agenda items for future meetings should be communicated to John O'Connor, Tom Bayer or Barb Tatanus.

Closing Prayer: Kathleen Anne

Next Meeting: January 12, 2009

Respectfully Submitted by: Barb Tatanus