

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
October 13, 2010

Members Present: Andra Liepa, Fr. Todd, Brenda Kowinski, Anthony Akosa, Mark Cudworth, Terie Schaeffer, Denise Ardery, Gary Lents, Janice Slaughter, Regina Weber, Fr. Jeremy, John O'Sullivan

Minutes: Minutes from the previous meeting were approved with minor changes.

Finance Update: Gary Lents presented the financial report. School: Revenue does not include \$51k of tuition assist which puts us right back on track. Operating Expenses are over budget because of some computer equipment purchased. This is just a timing issue. Brenda said that the school commission is looking at the parishioner, non-parishioner and non-active parishioner rates. Parish: Sunday collections are ahead of plan. We are slightly over budget in liturgical expense (new Spanish hymnals) and building and maintenance (renovations to PYC). It has been a good start to the fiscal year; hoping that revenue will hold up. We also talked about promoting the bricks by the Mary statue again.

A/V Request: There was discussion about this topic. It was decided that we will revisit the issue in March 2011.

School Report: Brenda Kowinski presented the report from the school commission. They are actively working on recruitment and retainment of students. They have several creative ideas to accomplish this. They are also updating their welcome packet and open house information and want to put a witness statement in the bulletin from a school family on a regular basis.

Strategic Plan Update: Andra Liepa gave an update on the Strategic Plan. Several members of the PPC are represented on the strategic planning committees. There were over 80 people at the last meeting. They were very excited about the turnout. Each area is working on a several things including challenges, purpose for their planning area and a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analysis. They hope for the final product to be out in January 2011.

Sister Parish: Padre Miguel will be visiting from Oct. 28th until Nov. 11th. There will be a party in the Emmaus center on Oct 29th at 7:00pm. All members of the PPC were encouraged to attend.

Pastor Comments:

- He was on a diocesan search committee for someone to work with Fr. KT in the Multicultural Department downtown.
- He volunteered at the Cathedral Soup Kitchen.
- He celebrated a Blue Mass on 9/11 honoring police and fire fighters.
- CRHP finished out the year. The Spanish retreats were packed. The English had a total of 20 new attendees (15 women, 5 men)
- He gave several presentations and went to several gatherings hosted by parishioners.
- Spoke with Shoshana Spector with PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing). They are trying to root at St. Monica. They want to improve the neighborhoods and the schools.
- He did a mass at Brebeuf and one at the Indianapolis Women's Prison.
- He will do a marriage retreat for those preparing for marriage and those already married. The retreat focuses on the sacramental aspects of marriage.
- He would like the PPC to read and discuss the first three chapters of "Growing an Engaged Church" (by Albert L. Winseman ISBN: 978-1-59562-014-9) at our November meeting.