

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2010

Members Present: Andra Liepa, Fr. Todd, Brenda Kowinski, Anthony Akosa, Mark Cudworth, Terie Schaeffer, Alicia Dimas, Gary Lents, Debbie Good

Guests: Andy Proctor, Ed Seib, Todd Kowinski

A/V Request: Todd Kowinski proposed installing a pair of video monitors (televisions) in the Narthex to be used as video kiosks (one in English, one in Spanish). Cost should be around \$5000. Council will discuss the proposal at the next meeting.

Green Space Proposal: Ed Seib presented an idea for developing the courtyard of the church. Some ideas include reflection space and a flower or vegetable garden. The council felt the idea had merit and will wait for a formal proposal to be finalized and presented. Security and safety were key concerns.

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

Finance Update: Gary Lents presented the financial report. Sunday collections are on target through August. The school budget will now be re-stated after final enrollment is available. The revised budget should be ready by the next PPC meeting. The parish financial report has a new format. The savings/reserve funds used to balance the budget are now shown on the monthly report. There are 75-85 people using electronic giving. There was some discussion on ways to increase this number.

Strategic Plan Update: Andra Liepa gave an update on the Strategic Plan. Highlights from the workshop on August 31st were discussed. The Input Sessions have begun. The Parish Planning Team meeting is September 28th.

Sister Parish: Padre Miguel will be visiting from Oct. 28th until Nov. 11th. There will be a brainstorming session on Sep. 14th at 7:00 p.m. to plan his visit.

Pastor Comments:

- There was an internal audit recently. Suggestions included better turnover on the finance council and the counter team.
- Fr. Todd has started celebrating Mass at the Marion County Jail.
- Picnic with the Priests has been successful. Parishioners are meeting the priests and each other.
- Christ Renews His Parish is being pushed this fall and will then be re-evaluated.
- Discussion is occurring to make Stewardship Commission focus on more than just money.
- Consideration is being given to whether the Parish Festival should be open to the community at large.
- The CYO basketball tournament is being re-evaluated.
- Fr. Todd has noticed that parishioners desire more opportunities for spiritual growth (e.g., retreats, presentations, etc.)
- Can the Parish Council and Hispanic Commission be brought closer together? Perhaps a multi-cultural council should be formed.
- The West Deanery priests met about changes to the Roman Missal that will start being used at Advent 2011.

- Book recommendation: "Growing an Engaged Church" by Albert L. Winseman ISBN: 978-1-59562-014-9