

Church of Saints Peter and Paul

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2007

Members Present: Sharon Hafften, Dorothy Haag, Mary Kaye Schneider, Michelle (Shelly) Gulsvig, John Grenzer, Jean Turnham, Ryan Green and Fr. Brian.

Guests: Ted Turnham, Lynn Scholtes

Finance Council: Scrip will be sold in the parish office effective Monday, October 1st. This should be more convenient for people since the parish office is open more hours than the bank. // Parish giving is down. We are experiencing a shortage every week. Parishioners are behind in meeting their pledged amount. // We are trying to promote electronic giving.

Building and Maintenance Committee: Sidewalks will be getting jacked up around school and parish center. // Tree trimming of phone lines by rectory is scheduled. // A sink will be installed in the teachers lounge. // Fall cleanup day still has to be scheduled.

Liturgy Committee: The LC received the first report from the Seasonal Planning Subcmmt. The report focused on the Advent and Christmas seasons. The SPS' goal is to set the tone for the LC for the coming seasons. // Befriender group: prayer shawls going well. A prayer booklet has been developed to go with them. // Iten's Funeral Home is once again donating memorial cards for All Souls Day. Thanks Iten's! // LC needs to know from Social Justice Cmmt whether we are doing food drive in November. // Survey went out regarding the relevancy of the Sonshine Nursery. The committee is still debating this issue. // There seems to be a problem with liturgical ministers not showing up for their assigned Mass. What can we do about this? LC will brainstorm on an appropriate response.

Social Civic Committee: Craft and Game nights will be starting in October. The SCC is discussing doing pot-luck bingo this winter. Still talking about how these will be run. // CANA dinner: people have responded well to having a dance included in this event. The SCC would like to have this during Winter Weekend. Youth could maybe do childcare? // Coffee and Rolls yearly schedule was given out, along with procedures and guidelines.

Fundraising Committee: Harvest Moon Festival is October 27/28. FRC is busy planning. Catholic Aid Association will do **Spooky Bingo**. Knights of Columbus will run **Live Auction**. Two exciting items for the Live Auction: a one-week stay at Cabo San Lucas, and a stay in Stillwater. The FRC is working with the LC to plan an **outdoor Mass** for the Saturday nite. Committee members will be speaking at Masses recruiting volunteers and promoting the event. The school will run the Saturday nite **Spaghetti Dinner**. New event: **Kiss A Pig**. We will have an opportunity to choose which community leader will have this honor ---☺ There will be a HMF T-shirt sale this year. **Cow-a-Bunga Bingo** will return ---☺ Let's pray for good weather!

Faith Formation Committee: A group of students will be attending the Marionite Rite Mass on September 30th. // 9th grade students will be attending a Net Retreat on September 26th. //

Bagging for Tips Fundraiser is scheduled for October 14th at Buffalo Cub Foods. // The Youth Leadership Team has its officers in place. // The FFC is discussing merging the 1-6 and 7-11 grade programs. Allie Spaulding (our Director of Religious Education and Youth Minister for grades 7-11) will be invited to October PPC meeting to give us a detailed outline of the situation.

Education Committee: EC would like the PPC's approval for Angie Mahoney to be EC chairperson. PPC voted to approve her as chairperson. // EC would like to change its name to Education Advisory Cmmt. According to PPC bylaws this change to the PPC constitution can be voted on at next meeting. // EC is working on establishing **2007/2008 goals:** Secure Home & School Subcmmt chair and restructure; Improve communication between school and parents; Form a marketing sub-committee which will establish and execute a marketing plan for the school; Improve participation in H&SS and EC; Review sub-committees (short term goal); Engage EC members in preparing a budget for the school.

Social Justice Committee: Working on getting a speaker for Masses on a January weekend. // Food shelf: might not have Holiday Train this year. Still need to push food drive over the holidays if there is not a Holiday Train. // **Results of LOVE INC. survey:** question of supporting becoming partner with LOVE inc.: 133 "YES", 1 "NO". There were many ideas for possible ministries we could pursue with LOVE INC. SJC can proceed in making partnership official. They will meet with leaders from LOVE INC. A LOVE INC leader recently inquired about our decision. We received tickets for their upcoming fundraiser. The event is a breakfast at the Delano Applebees. It will serve as the kickoff for their annual Sleepover Challenge. Oct. 20th is the date of the breakfast. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the parish office.

Chairperson/ Vice Chair: PPC members attended recent Archdiocesan *Stewardship Forum*. Great ideas; for example, attended presentations on the **Welcome Home program** (i.e., how to welcome Catholics who have left the church and would like to come back) and on **Ministry Fairs**. The Ministry Fair is another approach to our annual Stewardship process.

Pastor: Once again we are facing the issues of stewardship and communication. We are in the midst of our Stewardship drive. How do we tap into the talents of our community? How do we communicate who we are and what we are about to the community? Our Parish Newsletter is one attempt to improve our communication. There will be a new section in the newsletter: Upcoming Events. It will remind us of the many opportunities to participate in our community. How do we gently nudge our parishioners and school families to come forward in our school and parish community? We can always do better. We will have our roster of names of people who have come forward via the "purple" stewardship forms. Out of about 350 families in our parish, 250 are active in a substantial way. This is great! We need to realize that we offer many ministries. Sometimes we can get stretched thin because of this. People still comment that they are never called even though they put their name down to volunteer. This should not happen! // We are tracking the faith formation of all our parish youth. Unfortunately this is not a common practice throughout our deanery and the Archdiocese. // **Marge Klaers has resigned from the PPC. Jean Turnham has agreed to replace her as the PPC's liaison to the SCC.** Thanks Jean for stepping forward to serve our parish!

Next Meeting: Tuesday October 23, 2007

Please remember, the PPC welcomes all guests to attend these meetings and we encourage your feedback and participation!