

MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

March 2, 2011

PRESENT: Fr. Bill, Tim Geers, Donna Thompson, Mark Zurlinden, Paul Justice, Tom Salerno, Charlie Quehl, and Janet Davis

ABSENT: Kathy Waldeck

REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF DECEMBER MINUTES: Minutes were approved.

SCHOOL REPORT: Tom reported, as of 3.01.11:

Registration: K-8, 104 officially registered for 2011/12 school year, with about 20 more students probably returning but not yet registered.

Preschool: 30 registered for 4 yr old classes; 12 for 3 yr old classes (allowed 12 per class).

Tom gave a look at the calendar of events for the rest of the school year. In the works:

Letters of intent go out the first week of March to teachers asking if they intend to return next school year.

A second Satisfaction Survey is being developed by the Principal's Advisory Committee (PAC) as recommended by John Cooper, from ISPD.

Students will be given the opportunity to participate in the mileage and nutrition tracker (Hog Log) which is a month long exercise activity in conjunction with the Flying Pig Marathon.

Upcoming in service day is Aug.22 at Guardian Angels, about the coming changes to the liturgy and how it'll affect teaching, text books, etc...

ROMAN MISSAL UPDATES: The first Sunday of Advent, prayers and responses will dramatically change. This will be the biggest change to the Catholic Mass in 40 years, which is occurring around the world. The retranslation of the Roman Missal has been being worked on for the past 8 years. It is to help us be more connected to the Mass; it is to be more literal, formal, biblical and humble. God will be grander. Suggestions were made for 3 levels of implementation:

Level 1 (members not really active)-they will want to know what the new words are.

Level 2 (members more involved, -ex. lectors, musicians, those involved in ministries) - they will need more explanation. Other members may ask those questions.

Level 3 (members that are leaders in the parish, ex. Fr Bill, DRE, teachers) - they will need a lot of information. They'll be asked more questions from others.

Fr. Bill asked that each council member ask a few people if they are aware of the upcoming changes and what do they think about it, and for each of us to review the revised Roman Missal.

Fr. Bill said he was delighted with council's support of the upcoming changes.

SHARING A PRIEST: Fr. Bill reported that he recently met with Fr. Wagner of St. Thomas More concerning the parishes and the sharing of a priest in the future. Both parishes will have an insert in the bulletins the weekend of March 12/13th. It will include basic information on questions such as, how did St. Bernadette and St. Thomas More end up in the same region? Is there really a shortage of priests? It will also include facts, such as; the parish's won't merge, neither parish is closing; we will still be independent parishes that simply share a priest. Both Fr. Bill and Fr. Wagner are here for the people, it will require a lot of self sacrifice which their both willing to give. Fr. Bill asked Tim to contact the president of St. Thomas Mores' Pastoral Council to set up a time that both councils and both priests can get together. Although Fr. Bill has gotten reassigned to St. Bernadette for a second 6 year term, it is hard to know when things may change drastically due to the priest shortage. Things affecting that include: 70% of the dioceses priests are AT LEAST 57 years or older, 60 to 65 parishes out of 221 in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati CURRENTLY share a pastor, it's been stated since 1985 that there is a shortage of priests.

FIVE YEAR PATHWAY: Fr. Bill has presented the plan to Faith Formation; they felt they should have been in on developing the plan. It's a good beginning for continuing discussions with all parish ministries. We reviewed the list of ministries that Tim emailed to us. It was decided that council would each take the 5 Year Pathway to different parish ministries and to give our support and thanks to them.

STIEVENARD BEQUEST: Council reviewed the updated Declaration of Uses. It has not changed, but since Tim had to retype it, we will all closely review it before next month's meeting for ANY errors including the simplest capitalization difference, etc. All will sign next month.

PASTOR'S CORNER: Fr. Bill reported that our Rock, Roll and Remember party with The Casino's went VERY well, a lot of fun and a great community building event for the parish. It raised somewhere around \$10,000.

Fr. Bill informed council that we are redoing our parish website in the very near future.

PARISH VOICE: Charlie reported that a parish member wants to come to council's next meeting to discuss developing a new committee dedicated strictly on building up the parish. Reminder, anything to be added to the agenda, needs to be forwarded to Tim in advance.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 6, 2011

FAITH FORMATION: Donna Thompson