

MINUTES FROM PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
September 7, 2011

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

ABSENT: Tom Salerno

REVIEW MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING: Minutes were reviewed and accepted from the August meeting.

SCHOOL REPORT: Tom had sent council a report for review. Enrollment as of 9/7/11 is at 132 students K-8 representing 96 families. Last year we had 142 students representing 98 families. Correcting Misinformation: The cafeteria is not losing money. Income more than covers the cost of food, supplies and 2 part time salaries. The cafeteria income cannot cover the replacement costs of freezers, refrigerators, etc. However, if you amortize the cost over 5 or 6 years then the costs are covered. The preschool is not closing. It definitely generates a profit for the Parish or the School. He wasn't sure which accounts get those funds (the school or the parish). Ms. Lauren Harris is not quitting. She developed the preschool curriculum and program. She is committed to St B as a former student and now as Director of our preschool. Her program is being used as a model for several other Catholic preschools. Cafeteria etiquette: Teachers in K-4 ate with their classes last week in an attempt to set the guidelines for proper behavior. It was very successful. Now only one teacher will monitor the K-4 lunch along with Mrs. Collier. Enrichment: Tom asked the teachers to think about some enrichment activities that the students could participate in after school in addition to the Spanish Club. So far 3 possibilities: instrumental music, golf and a service club. School support group: The PTO has been reorganized and will now be called the School Support Group. Tom plans to have a general parent meeting to explain the new structure and offer parents the opportunity to volunteer in about 15 different areas of support. Fr. Bill had responded to some on the old PTO, about how a parish organization is supposed to function. He included documentation from the Archdiocese on the matter. Exit Survey: At the PAC (Principals Advisory Committee) meeting last night, they looked at the Archdiocesan Exit Survey which is sent to families who did not return. PAC will offer suggestions on the form and for a suitable method of gaining the information we need to improve our program.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: Fr. Bill reported that enrollment is now up to 132 students. Fr. Bill reviewed with PAC about our inability to pay our healthcare premiums and of the upcoming meeting with Jim Riggs the Superintendent of Archdiocesan Schools of Cincinnati. The meeting has been set for Friday, September 16 at 10 am at St B. Participants will be Fr Bill, Jim Riggs along with 2 others from his office, Tim Geers, Bob Armstrong, Tom Salerno, Debbie Flamm (PAC), and Larry Brokamp (Finance). Larry has agreed to take over our school enrollment issue. Fr. Bill reminded council that the school is a ministry, it is not a burden and is not losing money, but it does cost the parish money. Kathy brought up the idea of using SCRIP proceeds, for school parents to get a discount on tuition amounts.

FR. BILL'S JOB DESCRIPTION: After much discussion, it was reviewed, once there is 1 priest

over both parishes, WHO is going to do what things and what they will not do. Mindsets need to change. The priest cannot be a part of EVERY meeting, etc. One possibility which council agreed on was that Fr. Bill could send someone on his behalf to participate in the meeting/activity and to report back to him.

PASTORAL REGION PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Donna reported that the three reps from STM are: Dwayne Bradley, Neil Kamphaus and Kathy Hornschmeier. She said all is going well and they are compiling a lot of information from each parish, to use as a footprint to go off of. Communication will be key. Definitely want to keep rumors at bay.

FESTIVAL WRAP UP: An upcoming meeting is to be scheduled. Bid'n Buy was a success in Stievenard Hall. Overall layout of festival was good. Deposits were about the same as last year and the expenses are expected to be lower than last year. Clean up was exceptional. Council to send thank you cards to Jim & Patti Sperry, Randy & Joanie Gray, and Jack & Kathy Kraus.

9/11 ANNIVERSARY REMEMBRANCE: The readings for this particular Sunday just happen to be about holding onto hate, etc. The music will have a theme on forgiveness and a patriotic song at the end of Mass. We will be placing cards in the Gathering Space for parishioners to sign and send to members that are currently in Iraq and Afghanistan. Tri-Edge Youth Ministry to hold special remembrance at St Veronica.

FALL PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Tim to look at the by-laws concerning family serving together on council. It seems to have been in the past that no one in the same household can be on council at the same time.

PASTOR'S CORNER: Fr. Bill reported that 15 members have signed up to go to West Virginia on the mission trip. Fr. Bill is participating in intense training starting in October, every quarter he will be gone 3 week days plus some individual days. Again, it was brought up that Bob Armstrong needs to update parish soon on finances both at Mass and in the bulletin.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, October 5, 2011

FAITH FORMATION: Janet Davis