

Parish Pastoral Council Minutes

September 22, 2009

Members Present: Fr. Denny, Candy Galvez, Tom Sapp, Joanne Talbot, Vicki Kalina-Marvin, Rick Nelson, Mark Estrem, Dorothy Pumper, Carol Fraher, Len Gruber, Muriel Gruber, David Ludescher

Opening Prayer: Tom Sapp

Agenda accepted with one correction.

Minutes of August 25, 2009 meeting approved.

Calendar and Roster-

Rick presented an updated PPC roster. At present there are no permanent representatives from the Education Committee and the Social Ministries Committee to the council. Vicki Kalina-Marvin represented Education and Len Gruber represented Social Ministries for this meeting. Both committees expect to have permanent representation in place for next month's meeting.

Rick presented an updated parish calendar for the upcoming months.

Mission and Commitment/Parish Council Goals-

The council reviewed last year's goals to gauge success in meeting those goals:

Recruit and Nurture Volunteers; Three of the four goals in this area were accomplished by persons or committees other than the PPC. The council planned to place their emphasis on hosting a once a year recruitment effort for the various church committees.

Develop and Nurture Neighborhood Groups; This goal was not fully implemented but council members who did host a neighborhood event felt that the get-togethers were valuable and appreciated.

Develop and Implement Ideas to Enhance the Worship Experience; The council felt this goal was accomplished but not through their effort.

Prior to next month's meeting each council member is asked to make one proposal for a 2009-10 goal. These will be disseminated to other council members via email prior to the meeting. Tom Sapp proposed that one of the council's goals for next year would be to develop a process to revisit the commitments with the parish and evaluate where we are as a parish and what still needs to be accomplished.

Pastor's Report-

The proposed room divider for creating storage space in the south end of the social hall is delayed due to building code requirements that architectural plans be submitted to the city building department.

The first session of reflection time for PPC members will be after the September 26th Saturday evening mass in the Devney-Hughes room.

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Committee Reports-

Education: The School Improvement Plan has been updated and Vicki will distribute to all PPC members. The Education Committee is planning to go to an in-service for School Advisory Committees in October.

Finance: The spending deficit for the current budget year is running below projections. Costs have been held below projections and income is slightly higher than planned.

Hispanic: Preparations are underway for this year's All Souls Day mass.

Liturgy: They are planning on rearranging the storage closet next to the restrooms.

Maintenance: They are looking into redesigning the entrances into the public restrooms to provide better privacy for users. They are awaiting approval from the Finance Committee to upgrade the lighting in the Narthex.

Social Ministries: The spiritual adoption program for unborn babies is up and running for this year. Respect Life weekend is set for October 3rd and 4th. On October 11th at 2 p.m. there will be a Walk for Life beginning and ending at St. Dominic Church. Divine Mercy Parish in Faribault will be hosting a Respect for Life talk Sunday October 22nd, at 7 p.m. The committee is in need of additional members.

Youth Formation: Open House is planned for Wednesday, September 23. The committee could use more members.

Next Meeting – The next meeting will be October 27th. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. with individual committee meetings starting at 7 p.m. and the PPC meeting at 8 p.m.