

Meeting Minutes – PPC meeting April 6, 2010

Attendees: Steve Robach, Jeff Olson, Pat Loew, Mary Ann Lund, Eileen Couture, Dave Lorier, Amy Moore, Fr. Mark Underdahl, Mary Ann Henke, Kathy Indihar, Allan Duffy

Easter Retreat

First on the agenda, Fr. Mark invited the council to attend 6:30pm Mass at the Historic Church. Following Mass and in commemoration of Mystagogy –a period of time after Rites of Initiation for Catholics to reflect on the deeper mysteries of our faith – Fr. Mark led the council through a series of readings that were a reminder of the miracle that is Holy Week. The council members reflected on how Holy Week touched us personally. The council agreed there were many meaningful moments during Holy Week and it was great to see the strong turnout at all services during the Triduum. We were thankful for the many people who contributed to a memorable week of praise and worship at St. Joe's.

Listening Weekend

No issues came up at parish council 'listening' after Masses on Palm Sunday weekend. Comments received by council members during listening times and during Holy Week were positive in nature particularly in relation to decorating and music. We expressed our thanks and appreciation to the Liturgy Commission (decorating) and Andrea (music) for their leadership and hard work in making Holy Week a success.

Unified Identity

Fr. Mark reported that he received a letter from the Archbishop giving his approval for our proposed name change. Next steps are to file a Certificate of Assumed Name with the Minnesota Attorney General and develop a plan for announcing and putting our unified identity in place. The Communications Committee will convene to develop a proposal.

Nomination/Discernment process for Parish Leadership

Over the next two weeks parishioners will be asked to nominate individuals in our community for roles in leadership positions on the Parish Council and Commissions. Nominated candidates will be invited to attend the PPC meeting on Tuesday, May 4 to begin a discernment process for placement into an appropriate role for each individual. There is currently one opening on the parish council for an At Large member.

Role of the Parish Council (Active or Advisory)

We had a discussion on the going forward role for the PPC. There was broad agreement that we want to be an active council refreshing and taking forward our list of priorities. At the same time we do not want to lose sight of a role with broader visioning. The point was made that visioning takes a lot of time and energy. A year or two of visioning followed by more active, tactical work makes sense. We are just finishing one year of a more tactical focus, it makes some sense that we will see through some of the things we have started.

One area of focus we discussed is the work to increase attendance at our Masses. This follows the council's recent decision to keep the number of Masses we have on Sundays

during the regular year at three. We had a brief discussion on how we can build on the momentum of Holy Week and Easter and reach out to our 'inactive' parishioners.

Scheduled Events of Note

- Parish Appreciation Event on Wednesday, May 5. Please help ensure all volunteers within the parish are invited.
- Hospitality training is scheduled for Tuesday, April 13.
- The Ministry Fair is scheduled for the weekend of September 18 and 19.

The next PPC meeting is Tuesday, May 4, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted by Co-chairs,

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John Carney