

## **Meeting Minutes – PPC meeting May 4, 2010**

Attendees: Steve Robach, Jeff Olson, Pat Loew, Eileen Couture, Dave Lorier, Amy Moore, Fr. Mark Underdahl, Mary Ann Henke, Kathy Indihar, Allan Duffy, Paul Lillyblad, Andrea Grasse, Lynn Olson, John Carney

### **New Member Discernment**

Lynn Olson will be filling the opening for the member-at-large position on the council for the next three years. Lynn looks forward to working with leadership that is open to new ideas. Lynn shared a vision for working to welcome all members at St. Joe's, the new, active and inactive parishioners. Welcome Lynn. We look forward to working with you!

## **Commission Reports**

### **Community Life**

As leadership of the commission is transferred next year, it is a good time to step back and evaluate the needs of this specific commission. Each committee is functioning independently. They are strong groups that do great work. The type and frequency of communication to committee leaders within the commission will have to be determined for next year.

### **Faith Formation**

The commission shared some of the highlights of their ministry. These highlights included: 130 students confirmed, 113 students received First Eucharist, \$400 raised for 4 wells donated to Sr. Rose Vu, mission trips – 23 middle schoolers to Duluth and 10 teen and 9 adults to Guatemala, Joe's Diner inaugural year a success, next year's parish theme will be Come to the Feast. The tuition for next year will increase by \$10. Enrollment trends show that our numbers are decreasing, partly do to demographics. The commission is working to incorporate multiple learning styles into the curriculum, including more interactive learning and service projects. The commission currently has 4 members and is looking for more interested volunteers.

### **Liturgy**

Hospitality Minister training went well. It was well attended. Building security, medical emergency, and severe weather were some of the procedures covered during the evening. There will be a person on duty during masses, and their name will be posted in the ushers room. The liturgy commission is also in the process of identifying individuals with medical training, and is hoping to have a person "on call" during mass and other parish events. The worship aide is undergoing some changes this summer. Bob Loew will be experimenting with some new layouts to see which will be the most useful. The decision was made to continue with the worship aide as it gives the hospitality ministers a useful tool for interacting with parishioners.

Music – There has been an unscientific survey conducted to get a feel for the level of participation at various masses and at various times throughout the liturgy. This data will be analyzed and used to make decisions regarding music selection. The Spirit Alive group is changing their practice time to Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. Hopefully this

will increase participation. Participation seems to be building, there are more members now than this time last year.

### **Finance**

For the first 9 months of the fiscal year (thru March) our operating surplus was \$42,000 compared to the budgeted \$13,000. This includes the deficit recouped from last year. The budgeting process for this year included more input from the staff. There was a greater opportunity for the staff to share the needs for each of their ministries. The process also includes examining the parish's operating expenses. The Finance Committee is making minor adjustments to the budget for next year and it will be available for the PPC to review next month. A pay policy was put into place this year, and it will be presented to the staff next Tuesday and put into practice this year. It is a model to work from created with real data from information gathered by the archdiocese.

### **Festival**

The Festival kickoff is May 22/23. A few things are changing this year including: the number of tickets each family is asked to sell is increasing from 15 to 20, there will be the addition of an adult game - the Wine Bottle Ring Toss, a new magician will be performing, a group of choir members will be performing on Sunday morning. Other attractions will remain the same, such as: the Teen Tent, Pig Roast, Metro Jam for Saturday night. Everything seems to be coming together. It looks to be another great event.

### **Archdiocesan Planning Process**

It is probable that St. Joe's will see little change. There are a few other parishes that will be facing some changes. Each Deanery will present one or two recommendations to a task force. The task force will study these recommendations and present a final plan to the Archbishop.

The next PPC meeting is Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted by Co-chairs,

Mary Ann Henke  
John Carney