

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 17, 2010

Members Present: Sandy Kane, Tony Mailhot, Jeanne Hill, Mary Fox, Tony Jurgens, Fidelis Linder, Don Gerlach, Fr. Jim Perkl, Mark Dittman, Geno Halberg, Alli Steiner, Lisa Piotrowski, Dick Wise, Joe Becker, Pat Regan, and Fr. Eilen

Members Absent: None

Chair: Sandy Kane

Recorder: Mary Fox

Opening Prayer: Led by Fr. Eilen

June 2010 Minutes: Approved.

SEAS School Principal: Rita Humbert, SEAS School Principal, has resigned to accept an elementary principal position in River Falls, WI. Rita's letter to the school families was shared with the Council. Rita's 11 years of tireless leadership and service to our SEAS parish family was acknowledged and the Pastoral Council wishes her the best in her new role. Ken LaCroix has agreed to lead a search committee to assist in the selection of a new principal. An interim principal will be identified as quickly as possible to cover the transition period.

Council Positions: Sandy Kane will continue her Chair role for the upcoming year. Joe Becker will assume the Vice-Chair role.

Member Reports:

Don Gerlach – Spiritual Life

- Changes in homebound ministry of the Eucharist were implemented August 15. These changes will hopefully increase awareness and participation in this beautiful ministry.
- Roman Missal changes are coming in 2011. Chris Falteisek is leading implementation of these changes.
- Wooden crosses will be placed above the Stations of the Cross in the church in early November.
- Spiritual Life Commission is seeking new members.

Mary Fox – School Representative

- 1st day of school is August 30, consistent with Hastings Public Schools. School ends 1 week earlier than normal due to this early start due to public school construction plans.
- SEAS Open House is August 26, 5 – 7 on both campuses.

Tony Mailhot – Stewardship

- Financial Freedom Campaign currently has pledges for \$1.5 million from 700 respondents representing 24% of our parish families. Some follow-up efforts continue.

- Fall stewardship campaign will feature a re-designed ministry booklet.
- All efforts will be made to ensure every response to the ministry campaign is followed up on.

Tony Jurgens – Finance Committee

- Debt payments made because of the Financial Freedom Campaign are already saving SEAS \$1,100/month in interest.

Mark Dittman – Parish Administrator

- Annual financial report will be distributed end of September.
- Church's sound system was struck by lightning. A temporary system will be in place while a new system is selected and installed. The parish's insurance should cover this cost, less a \$1000 deductible.

Charity and Justice – Fidelis Lindner

- SEAS School's BASE children cared for the church garden this summer. Their harvest will be on sale at the Fall Festival.

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Faith Formation (FF) – Jeanne Hill

- FF Committee is looking for new committee members that have children in FF.
- 3 goals have been established for FF Committee:
 - Increase participation in FF
 - Develop evaluation tools to gain feedback
 - Address the needs of men's spirituality: increase male participation 50% in the next 24 months
- Team is reaching out to families who participated in FF two years ago but did not attend last year to invite them back and inform them of program enhancements.
- The Committee needs to focus on the October 9-10 Ministry Fair and "get the word out" about the great things happening in FF this year.
- Discussed the Early Catholic Family Life program (ECFL). FF will be implementing this program for birth – age 5 children during the 2010-2011 catechetical year.

Fr. Jim Perkl, Pastor

- Planning is underway for multiple retreat opportunities throughout the upcoming year with NET-related resources.

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn passed. Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Closing Prayer/Blessing: Led by Fr. Jim

Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 21.