



In Attendance: Tom Donahue, Kim Antolini, Eileen Gallagher, Arelis Herman, Art Packard, Tom Rider, Theresa Rouse, Jeff Sumeracki, Christopher Tucci, Joyce Zagrobelny, Msgr. Richard Bellow, David Hains, Father Pat Hoare, Dave Hynes, Teri Liuzzo, Deacon Robert Murphy, Deacon Louie Pais, Greg Scharlemann, Deacon Ron Sherwood, Stacey Wackerman.

Excused: Rick Bonen-Clark, Scott Campbell, Donna Smith

Absent: None

Guest: Mike Carlet (finance committee)

Tom Donahue welcomed everyone to the first meeting opened the meeting with a prayer.

Minutes: The May 8, 2007 meeting minutes were accepted by the council, pending several minor edits.

Finance Committee Update: Mike Carlet provided an update on the financial status of the parish, and explained the budget for 2008.

Goals and Objectives Review: Beginning with the August meeting, we'll concentrate on 1 goal/objective per meeting.

August: Jeff Sumeracki and Arelis Herman
September: Arthur Packard and Scott Campbell
October: Kim Antolini & Tom Rider
November: Theresa Rouse & Christopher Tucci

None of these groups had met or had any updates to provide to the Council.

Commission Reports

Liturgy Commission: The Day of Reflection, to be held Saturday October, 6th, 9am - 12pm, is an annual event and all are encouraged to attend. Arlene Danie is stepping aside as Arts & Environment coordinator and will be replaced by Claudette Kaveler. The new Liturgy Update in bulletin was positively received.

Communications Commission: Welcome packets are in the process of being updated. Commissions have been asked to use the template to request brochure updates.

Two volunteers to administer the web site calendar have come forward. How to manage the update process is being discussed (e.g. paper bulletin vs. online calendar), where to get info (bulletin vs. commissions), etc. Room usage is being currently tracked by parish office. Monsignor emphasized that it's more important to track the actual meeting event rather than the physical room.

A suggestion was made to use a web site counter to track actual usage. The Council recognized that the web site will continue to evolve as a great addition to current communications methods. Greg suggested that the Communications Commission may look into giving committee chairs the ability to add information/event to the web site in the future.

Education Commission: Bishop Curlin's speech in June was positively received. We made a contribution to his charity, because he refused to accept a stipend for himself. Father Richard has given permission to get a Fall speaker and they believe it may be someone from Belmont Abbey. Terri is going to contact the people who ran for PC but didn't get elected to see if they are interested in serving on the Adult Education Commission. At that point, the names of any remaining people will be made available to the other commissions.

Stewardship Commission: Dave stated that the updated brochures will be a welcome addition and we'll want to add them to the hallway tables when they are completed. The commission would like more regular stewardship updates at the pulpit after homilies, and they are currently looking into August and October for the next updates.

Family Life Commission: Stacey requested that her committees be able to use the current Meeting Room request form to book events and she'll forward the information to Greg for the web site.

Old Business: The Communications Commission policy & procedures manual is completed.

New Business: Formation part of the pastoral council meetings has been changed to a period of reflection. Each month, a different PC member will lead the reflection. A sign up list was passed around. Tom Donahue made the following suggestions as sources for reflections: Max Lucado, Thomas Keating, John Paul II book of reflections, etc. Eileen Gallagher read a passage from "Never Alone" by Joseph Girzone, the author of the Joshua series.

Thank You Notes: Monsignor Richard stated that Joyce Zagrobelny has graciously volunteered to write the Thank You notes. The nominator is to send his/her requested "verbiage" to Joyce and she will write and send the note.

Nominees: Tom Rider nominated Arlene Danie for her Arts & Services work; Father Richard nominated Father James for his ministry this past year; Kim Antolini asked whether a note had been sent to Laura Hogan (Laura received a thank you note in January 2007), Father Richard nominated Mary Sumeracki for signing the 8:30 Mass.

Pastor's Comments: Father Richard said that we've received permission to search out a contractor for the new church. We had only asked for Detail Design Drawings, but Diocese said that we should proceed to the contractor. Father Mo suggested that we include the bell tower in the original.

Father Richard is disappointed that we don't have 3 priests at St. Mark, but every available priest in the Diocese is in service somewhere. Church is still very busy in summer even though office hours are reduced.

The new Confirmation coordinator is Molly Berry and she began July 1st. We will send Kate Herty for training in Natural Family Planning. She will become certified as a trainer by the Spring. Melissa Annechino is beginning her job as High School Youth Minister.

VBS will be from July 22-26th.

The telephone system and gas line were 2 recent, large expenditures. The gas line was run up along outside of building to keep cost and ground disruption to a minimum.

Holy cards were received from Bishop for Eucharistic Congress. The church will cancel confession and Mass for that Saturday again as has been done in the past so that parishioners and clergy may attend. An upcoming collection will be made for the Augustinian Fathers from Philadelphia for ministries in Africa, Peru, and Japan.

Closing Prayer: Father Pat led the closing prayer.