



In Attendance: Tom Donahue, Eileen Gallagher, Kim Antolini, Dennis Coleman, Ralph Wearsch, Lizzie Espendez, Tom Rider, Chuck Chrimes, Nancy Thibodeau, KC Shinnars, Dick Christian, Debbie Hains, David Hains, Heather Bellemore, Donna Smith

Introductions - each member mentioned which commission or G&O they had for 2008-2009 and the accomplishments they were able to drive. New members introduced themselves to everyone and discussed what they thought of the Discernment and LYS process.

G&O for 2009 - Survey, Living Your Strengths, Communication Focus, St. Mark Learning Center/Education Commission.

- Survey - Theresa Rouse, Chuck Chrimes, Lizzie Espendez
- Living Your Strengths - Dennis Coleman, Lisa Strickland (David & Debbie Hains)
- Communications - Ralph Wearsch, Alex Sabo (Heather Bellemore)
- St. Mark Learning Center (Education) - Nancy Thibodeau, Tom Rider, KC Shinnars (Donna Smith, Connie Fisher)

Survey - take the final survey to council in the July. Oct 17-18 or 24-25 - in pew and on the website can take it on-line the week following. Team will enter the in-pew surveys on-line to get the info in one place. To be presented to council in January

Education - Many were in process. Highest priority item - get the education commission staffed and working. Adult Education Committee needs to get staffed as there is a shortage (5-7) of members and the committee needs a leader (by October 2009). Education will also emphasize the study of the parts of the mass (from children up to Adults). Focus on adult education understanding what is offered so that gap can be identified and a continuous program can be put in place. G&O team will work on challenging faith topics, NFP, and on-line education.

Communications - Seven items have to do with the website. One item for a video to be done in spring of 2010. First the team will be working to get an email list for distribution of parish info. Next, the team will work to get forms up on the site for surveys, event registration, volunteering, etc. Publishing the names of new families - can be done quickly. Working to be able to download calendar dates to their mail system. Also the team will be implementing a search engine for events, commissions, etc. Will also do a St. Mark news letter via the website.

Living Your Strengths/Stewardship - top priority - continued support of the LYS program. Also, want to gain increased participation in the direct give program and expand the flexibility to be able to easily increase the amount also a priority. Also send a letter to those currently participating in direct give. Registration form being redone to be able to identify new talents coming into the parish. Working to leverage LYS as a program for new members for identifying strengths. Will need to work to coordinate with Rosemary to match needs to strengths.

Additional discussion - Melinda and the Finance Council developing a new process for checks made out to St. Mark to ensure that all monies are collected in a way that ensures integrity.

Kim Antolini is working on what to do with the soon-to-be former worship area. She will come up with a plan such that minimal change will occur with the configuration of the space.

For the Discernment process in 2009- 2010 we will potentially to push the beginning of the process back so that the new members would be in place by the end of April/Mid May. This is being considered such as not to conflict with end-of-year events.

For the dedication of the church on August 23rd, it is still being determined what PC members will be doing.

Commissions:

Heather Bellemore will be taking over the Communications Commission from Greg Scharlemann and will attend the Pastoral Council retreat in June. Dick Christian will be looking for an increase in the number of liturgical ministers after moving into the new church. The Community Life Commission is still looking for project leaders for the Community Outreach Day. Some discussion ensued on how to handle requests for additional ministries, in particular, ministries that would fall under the Community Life Commission. As new ministry ideas are brought forward, the person with the idea is requested to get the ministry started by finding sufficient volunteers to administer the ministry. The Stewardship Commission will begin work organizing Commitment Sunday for Autumn 2009. Rosemary Keeley, the new leader of the Living Your Strengths (LYS) program started small group sessions and will continue to spread the program through small group sessions as well as in the RCIA program. Rose Mary will meet with the Pastoral Council in September to discuss a more aggressive strategy for sharing LYS with members of the parish. Pastoral Council members were reminded that the LYS team is maintaining the strengths database for all parishioners who have taken the test/course. The next commission heads meeting will be on May 26, 2009.

Goals and Objectives Review:

Discernment - Planning is underway for the May 30, 2009 Day of Discernment. The discerning candidates were in attendance at the May 5, 2009 Pastoral Council meeting.

St. Mark Learning Center - On May 18, 2009, the St. Mark Learning Center facilitators will meet with the adult education commission and Donna Smith, director of Religious Education on the parish staff.

Parish to the People - The bulletin publishing ministry is still looking for 2 volunteers to support the publishing process.

Prayerful Reflection: The prayerful reflection was led by Scott Campbell.

Vision/Brainstorming:

At the executive retreat, all brainstorming ideas were assessed. Several themes were drawn, from which the executive committee established G&Os for 2009-2010. These will be on the agenda for the parish retreat, June 6, 2009.

Old Business/Updates:

Church dedication - The preparations are on track. The Knights of Columbus will handle parking; however, there will be no offsite parking and/or shuttle service offered.

The Pastoral Council retreat on June 6, 2009 starts at 8.30AM with the Community Outreach Day's pancake breakfast. The meeting will start at 9.30AM and will end at approximately 3PM. The Pastoral Council Hail & Farewell will also be held on June 6, 2009 in the evening. Members were reminded to RSVP for the volunteer reception to Phyllis Kiebler.

New Business/Updates:

On the feast of Corpus Christi, the Parish will begin a new tradition. A procession will be held after the 12PM Mass.

Officer Election:

Arthur Packard was elected secretary. Eileen Gallagher will be the chair and Kim Antolini will be the vice-chair.

Thank You Notes: Lisa Strickland nominated the team responsible for the new bulletin. A thank you note will be sent to Greg Scharlemann for him to share it with those directly involved with the new bulletin.

Closing Comments: Msgr. informed the PC that the Finance Committee is working on the 2009-2010 budget. It was noted that this budget will be updated for the new church operating expenses and will be presented at the July Pastoral Council meeting. There is a significant effort by all areas of the parish to hold costs to a minimum. Msgr. has been approached by a company that wants to put cell phone antennae in the new church; while this will be considered, service technicians would not be allowed access to the church during Masses and the parish cannot sacrifice its tax exempt status. The parish will request a mortgage from the diocese in the coming months for approximately \$2 million. On August 30, 2009, Bishop Curlin will celebrate Mass in the new church. A wedding coordinator has been appointed for the new church. Msgr. would like to continue Eucharistic adoration in the new church. However, because of wedding rehearsals on Friday evenings and weddings on Saturday mornings, the parish will need a different solution. Msgr. is considering hiring a vendor to create a parish album, which would include a history of the parish.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Ron led the closing prayer.