

## **Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes**

*October 27, 2015*

*Present:* Father Jim, Ric Nelson, Kathy Ramirez, Joel Rogers, Mark Moore (Finance), Bill Haas (Stewardship), Jason O'Brien (CSB), Tina Colburn (FFC), Sarah Swanson, Rick Brimeyer, Adriana Hernandez de Alvarez, Adriana Alvarez, Jim Stuart  
Staff: JoAnne Dalhoff, Deacon Alan Christy

*Excused:* Kathy Wipf

*Next meeting:* Tuesday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015  
7pm, Social Hall

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### **I. Opening**

Called to order by Ric Nelson at 7:02pm.

Joel Rogers led opening prayer and discussion from Stewardship: A Disciple's Response  
Minutes from September meeting approved with no changes

### **II. Guest Speaker**

Sue Griffith from Stephen Ministry came to give information about the ministry. To become a Stephen Minister, one goes through 50 hours of training. Referrals come from the pastor, staff, and personal connections. There are 5 basic types of care provided by Stephen Ministry: Crisis, Follow Up, Chronic, Preventative, and Supportive. If you know someone who could use the services, talk with them and then you or the person can get in contact with Deacon Alan, Father Jim, or Deacon Mark. They can assist with matching up a Stephen Minister to the person in need or a care receiver. There are currently 23 Stephen Ministers and 16 are going through training. The program is linked with St. Thomas and hopes to link with St. Peter and Paul soon. Deacon Alan said the Stephen Ministers are very supportive of one another. They meet every 2 weeks to discuss in general terms to make sure they are handling the situation appropriately or to brainstorm ideas. Anyone can use the services—they don't have to be Catholic or active in the church. Confidentiality is extremely important and held in the highest regard.

### **III. Visioning Update**

Rick Brimeyer reported that counts were taken at Mass earlier this month. The final count was about 10% less than last year. Father Jim stated the numbers are not extremely accurate due to the lack of volunteers—the individuals that did perform the count did a great job with what resources were available. Father Jim noticed the counts stopped right as Mass started, and didn't include those who walked in late. It was discussed to brainstorm a new, more accurate method of counting. Nothing was finalized with a new way.

Rick also reported that giving is down about 6% compared to last year at the same time.

The 4 initiatives for the PC were reviewed.

1. **Yellow:** "Evaluate current programs against needs as identified by a parishioner survey"  
Draft of parishioner survey was emailed out just recently. Rick asked for feedback.

2. **Red:** “Conduct a best practices assessment of other successful parishes (membership, service, evangelization)”
3. **Yellow:** “Resurrect the Parish Life Committee leadership”  
Parish Life will have an initial meeting November 4<sup>th</sup>. Names of people interested were collected from the ministry fair
4. **Yellow:** “Develop the plan for addressing facility needs”  
Mark Hanson is moving forward with this

With the shared initiative with FFC, it was approved to add “and active participants.” So the initiative would now be “Implement processes for recruiting, forming, placing, and retaining lay leaders and active participants.”

#### **IV. Old Business**

Joel met with Francine White and Susan McNickol, and Bill Haas to discuss the immediate use portion of the Klingseis Bequest. They will meet again before the next Pastoral Council meeting in November and report back with a more definite plan.

Facilities Expansion Planning Committee met. Mark Hanson led the discussion.

Bill Haas reported that the new website is moving slowly but there are many parts to it. There is a rough draft out and the new version is mobile device friendly. The draft website is:  
<http://stcsandbox.wpengine.com/>

Sarah encouraged people to go to [www.glenmary.org/aam/](http://www.glenmary.org/aam/) and look at the information about the organization. She passed out some printed information about a parish in need in Tennessee. Discussion was on finding a parish within the United States. Father Jim addressed the suggestion of finding a sister parish in an inner city. He stated they have a system is set up for twinning—a suburb parish is twinned with an inner city parish. The need might be greater in rural areas.

Rick B. brought up an idea of adopting a family to make a big difference for a small group of people. Suggestions like building a house, helping find jobs, etc. Father Jim reminded the group that Pope Francis and The Vatican have taken in a family. Pope Francis has given a charge for parishes to help a family. This would be in addition to finding a sister parish. Resources within the parish can handle both.

#### **V. New Business**

Father Jim said a lot of activities are in the works to celebrate the Year of Mercy with the Corporal and spiritual Works of Mercy being a focal point. Bill Haas suggested for CSB and FFC to engage the children to depict the Corporal Works of Mercy into banners to put on display.

#### **VI. Committee and Board Reports**

Liturgy Committee: Dorothy Sally discussed the already prevalent ways the parish currently offers opportunities for prayer for vocations. The Knights pray the rosary once a month. How it is publicized is not consistent and easy to find. Potentially posting on the website and bulletin to help raise awareness of the opportunities.

Faith Formation Commission: Joel Rogers reported since Tina could not attend the last FFC meeting. Anna raised a concern about a disconnect with the Finance Committee and information about Confirmation costs. She would like someone from the Finance Committee to contact her. The Old Testament class that Katie is offering is going all right. Attendance has decreased as the weeks have progressed. The Faith Formation staff are taking steps to improve presence on Facebook and through emails.

Catholic School Board: A 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher was hired, Kyle Lewin. There are currently 158 students, 36 in the 4 year preschool program, and 16 in the 3 year preschool program.

Stewardship Committee: Short survey went out to capture results about the ministry fair. Stewardship of treasure will occur during the month of November.

Social Justice: November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the Christmas Market. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade school kids will have a breakfast. The Days for Girls group has met.

Parish Life: The welcoming committee is making an effort to recognize the new parishioners at coffee and donuts after Mass the weekend of November 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finance Council: Looking into options of hiring a stewardship director. It is in the infancy stages.

Business Manager/IT Committee: Nothing to report

Hispanic Community Update: Nothing to report

Joel led closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm

Respectfully submitted,

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FFC representative