

Parish Council Notes September 9, 2009

In attendance were: John Tomkinson, Jo Argentieri, Steve Trumbull, John-Allen Payne, John Bacchetta, Betsy Bunce, Suzanne Stack, Terri Wheaton, Mary DeCiantis, Lisa Mercadel, Barb Swiecki, Theresa Messineo and Marty Reagan
Joe Berta was excused

The minutes were accepted as amended

Suzanne's report:

- 90 children attended VBC and it was a success. VBC is one of our best collaborative efforts
- Registrations for catechism are now joint
- All sacraments are also now joint. Some celebrations will be at the separate parishes but all of the preparation work will be done as a joint effort

Barb Swiecki's report:

- The Census survey has been completed
- There were 660 registrants with approximately 400 forms completed
- The task force is currently working on collating the data
- Barb distributed the annual financial statement so PC could review it before it is placed in the 9.12 bulletin
- The west wing rental agreement ends in November 2010 so Barb will begin the re-negotiation process in November of this year
- Barb will ask people to use the blue envelope to complete their pledge for the Parking Lot asking them to consider \$10/week instead of giving \$1000/yr
- Our CMA commitment this year will be \$32,175.
- The CD this year is a music montage that talks about where the funds go. "Keeping the Spirit Alive" is this year's theme.
- Barb will be asking the folk group to learn the song. Bookmarks with the song on it will be distributed so the parish can learn the song as well
- We will begin showing the CD 9/27/09
- Barb will do a special insert in the bulletin to try to encourage a higher participation rate
- We received \$100 from Lifetouch for the food donations collected. The funds will be forwarded to Angel Care to help support their mission
- John Bacchetta will ask St. Pius to consider distributing the Advent booties to help support this mission as well

- John Tomkinson said Angel Care would like to place a collection device in the gathering space for weekly donations. They hope to use a large baby bottle that would be set out during mass times and otherwise stored in the office. A motion to approve this was made and passed
- The Stewardship committee would like to hold another Talent open house around Thanksgiving to encourage people to be more involved. In the spring they would like to initiate a Treasure event
- ***Anniversary group:***
- Harriet Beiter and her group are making new white and gold banners
- The on the rocks glasses have been ordered and have arrived as favors for the event
- We have sold 20 tickets so far. They can be purchased until 9/27
- Gary is working on creating an invitation
- Theresa Messineo has a list of those to be sent to
- Theresa will be sending the event information to 6 periodicals to advertise the event
- Parish Life has contracted Wilshire to cater the buffet dinner
- Diane Heyton will bake a cake for the event
- Parish Life has also ordered angels with gold lettering stating “Guardian Angels 50 years” which will be given out at the St. Nick luncheon in December.
- Coffee hours this weekend will be sponsored by the Parish Council. Scanners will be set up to capture any pictures parishioners want to share for the 50th anniversary.
- Sat. after mass we will provide cookies, iced tea and lemonade
- Sunday we will serve donuts and coffee. John Allen will order and pick up these
- We will also have pads of paper available for anyone who wishes to share any memories

Parish Council prayer sign up:

- 10/07/09 – John Allen Payne
- 11/04/09 – Lisa Mercadel
- 12/02/09 – Marty Regan
- 01/06/10 – John Tomkinson
- 02/03/10 – Terri Wheaton
- 04/07/10 – Theresa Messineo

- 05/05/10 – Betsy Bunce
- 06/02/10 – Steve Trumbull

Ministries:

- RHYM starts this Sunday evening and will be held at Guardian Angels. Jr. RHYM will start next Tues. The meetings will rotate between GS and GA every other week
- Prayer Shawl ministry begins again this fall
- Spiritual exercises – 5 individuals have expressed an interest in working with Barb on this 30 week program of contemplative prayer
- Koinonia – The first sessions this fall will be 9/22 and 9/23
- Bob Kennedy will speak next Tues at Good Shepherd on “What’s Happening to my Church
- Judy Miller is the new administrative assistant. She will be at GA Monday and Tuesday afternoon and GS Wed and Thurs am.

Tri Parish transition team:

- The tri parish transition team met last night 9/08/09 and the following tasks were determined to be the ones to complete first
- General:
- Ensure regular communication among the clustering parishes and various constituencies (e.g. parishioner’s at large, pastoral councils, finance councils, parish committees, and parish staff). Designing avenues for various constituencies to give input/feedback to parish leaders and the transition team is as important as disseminating information.
- Ensure that regular opportunities exist for parishioners at large and various groupings of people with similar “positions” within the clustering parishes together and get to know one another.
- In the year before the clustering takes place:
- Ensure that all parish staffs meet together occasionally. Investigate whether it is feasible for a shared bulletin to begin when the parishes are clustered
- Ensure that all pastoral councils meet together occasionally—to pray and socialize together, to learn about each other
- Ensure that pastoral councils, parish staffs, liturgy committees, and the transition team work together to develop weekend, weekday and Holy Day Mass schedules to go into effect when the clustering occurs or, better yet, one to three months earlier
- Ensure that business manager and finance councils meet together to share annual reports and general information. At the beginning of the budget

process for individual parishes, they will need to decide which budget items will be shared (e.g. payroll and benefits for the shared pastoral leader), how shared expenses will be pro-rated, and which parish will be responsible for billing, collecting, and reporting shared finances.

- Ensure that there are shared programs and events for parishioners of the clustering parishes
- Coordinate work on a shared mission and vision for ministry to be developed by pastoral councils and staffs.
- Help the parishes to understand what is changing and what is remaining the same
- Help parishes to celebrate their individual histories and traditions. Individual parishes will also need to honor and say good-bye to any departing pastoral leaders
- Ensure that there is a ritualization / celebration of the clustering of the three parishes.