

Pastoral Council Meeting January 28, 2010

Members present: Kevin, Aaron, Fr. Oscar, Doris, Gustavo, Jose-Luiz, Peter, Robert, Mildred, and Leonel

Approval of Minutes (December 2009): Approved

Pastor's Report:

- \$1041 donated by Early Advent Masses group
- ADA kickoff last Sunday

Transition Team

Guest: Joe Vandenburg

- How to capitalize on transition team report
- Targeted Feb 20 for meeting for transition team to hand off to Pastoral Council
- Need to find facilitator. Need to someone with experience, e.g., Sr. Pat. A couple of people have declined. Mildred asked why people declining. Fr. Oscar said they are reporting that they are busy. No particular reasons.
- Meeting include would establish ministry goals (3 to 5 goals, 5 year plan)
- Joe asking for feedback from pastoral council to transition team
- Website has transition team plan, but has seen no feedback

Visitors, Suggestion Box, Parishioner Comments

- Beth Sukimoto: Town Hall meetings have been discussed but never implemented.
- Aaron suggested greater use of bulletin
- Mildred suggested that we need a means of letting parishioners be heard
- Kevin motioned to try monthly or quarterly town-hall style information meetings
- Zig unhappy, is concerned about lack of solid information, letting rumors run rampant. He proposed monthly meetings. Also voiced disappointment regarding quality of homilies including those of visiting priests. He kindly offered to bring coffee/donuts for the proposed monthly meetings.
- Beth has friend who would like heat turned on for 8:30 AM—it's cold.
 - Leonel volunteered to install programmable thermostat
- One parishioner complained of bright lights and loud sounds; had to leave building. It was discussed that amplifier may have been set too loud one time. Or that certain parts of the building may be louder than other. Generally, conditions are thought to be okay.

Jerry Jensen here to report on 3rd Annual Christmas concert

- Would have liked better attendance, so Jerry and team met after the concert to discuss increasing attendance.
- Suggestions and plans for next time:
 - Schedule earlier than 1 wk before Christmas; Fri Dec 3, 2010 already reserved
 - Invite performers from all music groups, including younger folks
 - Leaders of other Mass music groups have declined
 - Limit time to 90 minutes
 - Schedule dress rehearsal for all performers
 - Promote next concert earlier and more effectively
 - Will show appropriate reverence (done this year)
 - Combine some groups to allow more performers
 - Jerry Pintar agreed to chair the next concert committee

Jerry also reporting on Concert/Fundraiser

- \$932 cash donations at concert for general fund
- \$68 donated refreshments
- -----\$1000 total
- Suggestions for more performances include a spring concert, Feast Day in May 2, or during picnic. Fr. Oscar suggested that concert could commemorate closing of the 50th anniversary.

Maintenance Committee Letter

Signed by member Henry Achermann, Barbara Brown, Elwood Brown, Peg Herzing, Manuel Ramirez, Christina Ramirez, Beth Sukimoto, stated that they will retire February 28, 2010. They provided list of accomplishments and proposed projects. Beth and Christina at meeting. Kevin thanked Beth and the rest of the maintenance committee for years of service. Fr. Oscar will write letter of thanks.

Beth would like to continue leading the bathroom remodel. Cannot start yet due to lack of funds. She reports that >\$7000 should be restricted for bathroom. Oct 22, 2009, Christina asked for funds split to restricted funds. Second collection specifically announced for bathroom maintenance funds were to be restricted to bathroom, but Beth reports that funds are not being tracked. Beth is disappointed that a grant was not applied for from the Catholic Foundation. Jerry mentioned talking to the finance committee.

Report from Finance Committee

Finance Plots passed out. Shows negative savings after April. Benefits costs of diocese have gone up. Collections plot is noisy (erratic).

Finance related ideas

- Peter to lead effort to establish automatic payment contributions
 - Peter likes Parish Pay
 - Might help with registration database
 - Aaron suggested programs (like banks) without overhead fees
 - Peter wants to launch April 1, 2010
 - Program not mandatory
- Beth suggested making sure people know where money is going
- Per Peter, Pay Pal link is missing from the website.
- Fr. Oscar suggested that ushers might move a little slower
- Some said it's important to show support by putting something in basket
- Beth said we need to reach those folks who are not currently contributing
- Kevin said that we will reconstitute finance (fundraising, cuts) task force

Leonel suggests a Movie program. Would like approval.