

All Saints Pastoral Council Minutes
March 4, 2010

Members Present: Tammy Hasenoehrl, Fr. Les Kish, Bill Neumayer, Carlene Skelton, Ken Jacks, Deb Snyder, Mark Brigham, Johanne Schmidt, Fr. Dat Vu

Guests: Kevin Poole-Finance Committee, Jessica Goodman-Youth Coordinator, & Chris Davies-Deaconate Candidate

Meeting called to order at 5:20pm. The meeting was opened in prayer led by Fr. Dat.

Review and Approve Minutes

Mark motioned the minutes of the February 3, 2010 meeting be approved. Johanne seconded. The motion carried.

- **Youth Ministry Report-Jessica Goodman**

Jessica presented a thank you card to the council for their support of the recently held leadership retreat at the Monastery of St. Gertrude. They had a successful retreat and were able to bring forth 5 youth from All Saints to fill leadership roles. As a result of the retreat they have outlined several activities to take their faith and team projects into the community. Each grouping of youth has a youth leader and a youth minister to team with and they have until the end of the summer to implement their specific project. Jessica gave several examples of the projects. The youth have just returned from ICYC (Idaho Catholic Youth Convention). They group raised \$2,000.00 by hosting a Valentine Spaghetti Dinner. Jessica outlined several highlights of ICYC. She also described the fund raising event they were part of at ICYC to benefit Haiti. Among the highlights they witnessed were a lot of conversions, including one of our youth. It was very great to see the impact ICYC had on so many youth. The youths understanding of how much bigger the Church is, way bigger than Lewiston, was profound. Their time included a lot of worship and prayer. They watched the movie "the Human Experience". Jessica summarized the film, describing the big forgiveness experience in the end of the movie. Bishop Mike celebrated Mass & had a period of prayer where he called forward the men discerning the priesthood. They repeated this process calling forward the women discerning religious life.

Bill asked how many youth from Lewiston went to ICYC Jessica responded there were 27 youth and 7 chaperones. She stated the challenge now, is to keep the fire going. Looking ahead- they are planning a 30 hour fast & are in the talking stage about having youth mass/masses.

Jessica has established an advisory council. The advisory council along with Jessica has decided their first focus will be the catechesis of the youth.

She has youth lined up to help at All Saints Spring Fling at Our Lady of Lourdes March 21st.

Bill thanked Jessica for her efforts and commented they are already seeing the fruits of her labor.

- **Finance-Kevin Poole**

- Bill stated he invited Kevin to tonight's meeting to address financial concerns.

- - **Present Status**

- Kevin reported offertories across the board are down. Kevin reported St. Stanislaus is in arrears, which is going to require transferring funds out of savings to get the bills paid and current. The expenses are not up it is the fact offertories are down that is causing the shortfall. Fr. Les requested the exact figure needed to transfer out of savings to rectify the situation. Fr. Les stated the bad thing about this is Betty didn't tell us this was happening. Fr. Les' hope is as we get away from the actual capital campaign that we'll get back to normal.

Capital Campaign pledge redemption is holding real steady. Kevin explained the redemption system and to date our redemption is less than a half of a percent off. Two pledges have switched over to paying direct to All Saints Catholic School. On paper redemption is slightly ahead of schedule and to date they are not seeing the industry standard of a 5% slippage.

Pledge redemption is doing well it is the offertory that is slipping.

Kevin was asked what the finance committees' recommendation is to let the parishioners know the current financial status. Fr. Les responded by outlining how some of the committees' recommendations have already been implemented.

Methods of Increased Giving

Bill asked if it would be helpful to have representatives from the leadership council or committees come before the parish community at the Masses and talk about the money situation. Bill stated he didn't think it would hurt if we follow up with the parishioners.

Bill asked Kevin what the finance committees' recommendation is for reporting the weekly collections in the bulletin. Fr. Les responded it would be combined into one figure. Kevin stated if the focus is to combine and be one parish he thinks we need to move in that direction and let the finance committee track how we do between the three church sites.

o Approve Pledge Campaign Expenses

Approval is being sought to pay \$292.50 of Merilynn Scharnhorst for capital campaign tracking expenses. Tammy motioned the council approve payment of these expense. Deb seconded. The motioned was approved.

• Property Update-Bill

A key representative of the organization interested in the purchase of the Our Lady of Lourdes property is in the area this week. They will be meeting to determine going ahead with the project. The local entity has expressed continued interest in going forward. It is a possible a signed offer may not be far off. At this time there are no offers or known interest in the St. James or St. Stanislaus properties.

Mark prompted a discussion by the council to access marketing strategies and overcoming possible obstacles in the sale of the properties. Bill has been in contact with diocesan representative Larry Hellhake. Bill relayed Larry's perspective and possible future plans to move forward in discussions. Larry charged the council with re-accessing various aspects of the properties in regards to future sales. Mark outlined possible strategies being employed causing hardship to the All Saints community. Deb questioned the viability of future negotiations. Carlene stated her belief the economy is really impacting our current situation.

Linda Joyner-Jones assured Bill she has pursued follow up contacts. Bill asked her to specifically contact a previously interested entity with a new perspective.

• Building Project Update-Bill

Tammy asked who from All Saints generates the building permits. Kevin responded it is usually the contractor. After several attempts to contact the diocesan finance officer, Pat Crisler, Bill has received an email response stating the contract for our contractor will be signed soon. Bill spoke with Ron Hewett, Kenaston Corporation in regards to determine where the process stands. Ron informed Bill MCM architect, Doug Benson, has significantly reduced his staff in his Portland office and which leaves Doug the only one working to finish the final 5% of the building plans. Kenaston Corp. needs 100% complete architectural plans to take the next step of applying for permits. Bill asked Tammy to speak to building committee co-chairs, Kevin Hasenoehrl & Tim Broemeling, to request they contact Doug at MCM to get those 100% plans in hand. Tammy will have Kevin call Doug Benson tomorrow.

When asked by the council for his opinion on the length of time permits are valid after they have been secured, Chris Davies stated there are many variables as to how long the permits hold. Kevin outlined a few areas where there would probably need to be a review after a year. A review takes 30-45 days typically. If there is something that needs done the timeline will change. Chris suggested if the project is not going to break ground they might consider applying for permits when they are ready to proceed.

Kevin felt the off site improvements could be nailed down and an agreement with the city worked out whether or not they proceeded with applying for permits at this time.

Chris suggested once they have 100% building plans, they sit down with the city staff and work out what permits would be needed. The parties necessary to contact were outlined. The council wants to make sure we aren't paying for things we aren't ready to utilize.

- **New Council Member/Parish Administrator-Mark**

Mark stated the job description for parish administrator is rewritten and is in Fr. Les' hands, awaiting his approval. By redeveloping the job description and putting it back out it is the councils hope they will generate some local interest. They are ready to move forward as soon as they receive approval from Fr. Les. Tammy suggested utilizing some student services. Carroll College, Gonzaga, St. Martins, University of Oregon and Seattle University were among those identified as possible resources. The council felt they may generate interest by persons accustomed to managing a stringent budget.

An individual previously identified by the council as a possible candidate for the position has been contacted to appraise interest. The individual has responded to Mark this is not a good fit for their family right now.

Mark reported his efforts to seek a ninth council member from the St. Stanislaus site. Those identified by the council to contact have declined the offer. The council discussed the possibility of approaching the St. Stanislaus community by talking about the council vacancy at their Masses. Fr. Les was supportive of this approach. Ken asked for clarification if this was going to be announced at the Masses at St. Stanislaus. The council was in agreement this would be done.

- **Misc./Old Business**

Tammy asked Chris if he & Angela were involved in the ministry of welcoming new members to the parish. Chris responded they were and went on to outline how that is functioning at the St. James site.

Bill, Mark & Fr. Les met with the entire staff on February 26, 2010. They assured the staff the council was working toward liaisons to the ministries. Tammy feels the council should take a solid focus on this single issue and not make it an item within their regular meeting. Deb suggested a special one- hour session where they focus only on this matter. The council was in agreement to meet to accomplish this task and they discussed possible meeting days and times. Bill wants a timeline to accomplish. Bill will follow-up by email with meeting date options.

- **Executive Session**

- **Personnel**

The council concluded their meeting in executive session.

- **Schedule next meeting**

The next monthly meeting of the council will be on April 14, 2010, 5:15 pm at Our Lady of Lourdes.

*Respectfully submitted by,
Gail Estes*