

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2010

Attendees: Father Bryan Parrish, Father Sean Maher, Jenny Driscoll, Neal Doherty, Katy Horgan, Mary Leahy, Ann Mickells, Dominique Mathieu, Tom Murray, Frank Tenaglia, Kevin Williams

Catholic Appeal: Father Bryan discussed the Appeal that started two weeks ago with an auditory address at each mass followed up with a talk by John Dwyer who is heading the Appeal drive this year. Holy Family is in Stage I of a new financial relationship with the Archdiocese. Holy Family will be giving 10% of their revenue to the archdiocese and 50% of the funds that are garnered over our assessment will go back to the parish.

Campaign for Increasing Offertory : New campaign will be rolled out in the late Spring or Fall. Five vendors are vying for the account with the Archdiocese. Questions were asked about our financial relationship with the other parishes in our cluster (presently all parishes are financially independent).

Youth Ministry Leadership Update: Father Bryan said that the Youth Ministry Leadership team is currently being developed with Bill O'Neill and 14-15 other adults to form a committee that will function as and be comparable in size as the PPC. The current Youth Steering Committee was a good transitional format and now hopefully the new committee will take a lot of the ideas and go forward with them. Father Bryan will get Bill to come to a PPC meeting soon and speak to us about his ideas and developments. Father Sean has been meeting with students and their families to answer questions about church leadership and involvement. Hopefully, a monthly youth mass will develop that will stand the test of time with youth involvement and the number of priests able to be involved.

Mass Schedule: Father Bryan is considering when the right time would be to make a change in the mass schedule (to reduce to 4 weekend masses versus 5). Concerns are how would the parishioners feel about the mass schedule changes; pastoral planning concerns; church staff and utility efficiencies; are there different (and perhaps more popular) mass times that are not currently being scheduled; seasonal schedules. Father Bryan will speak to the staff at Holy Family about the matter and then bring it up again at the April 11th PPC meeting. Dominique spoke about families' lack of commitment to attend mass with their children, especially by opting for sporting events on Sunday am versus church/family time. There was a suggestion to discuss with the Interfaith Council about supporting/suggesting a moratorium on any other scheduled events on Sunday mornings. Overall, PPC supported the decision to reduce the number of current masses.

Perpetual Adoration: not yet started on first Fridays for a variety of reasons. Father Sean is working with the group to work out organization and security issues. There was a large consensus that it would be beneficial to have the chapel open at night for prayer and adoration if possible.

Appalachian Service Project : Frank Tenaglia reported that the group is doing well preparing for their trip this summer. Three adults flew to Virginia for some extra training (Guilfoyle, Cully and Johnson) last week . Fundraising is also on target.

Ministry Directory: Hopefully all the information sheets are back from PPC members with their research on current parish ministries. If not, please forward to Katy Horgan, Jenny Driscoll or Kristen McArdle. Jenny and Katy are going to organize the information into a directory draft that can be worked with for bolstering the current ministries and adding more (if needed or requested). Also, some may be obsolete or redundant and efficiencies can be made there. Dominique suggested a marketing specialist to help forwarding this to the parish at the proper time.

Next meeting will be on April 11th at 7pm in the Herrick Room of the Parish Center.