

Pax Christi Pastoral Council Minutes
Tuesday, September 16, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Father Joe Keefe, Father Caesar Dralega,

First Officer: Miguel Paz,

Members: Pat Fallon, MaryEllen Tanaka, Gene Plutowski, Randy Horlocker, Greg Sherman

Parish Trustee: Teresa Silker

Absent: Pete Streit

Guests: Mark Scheitel, Music and Art Dunne, Stewardship

OPENING PRAYER.

The Gospel for September 21, 2008, was read by Miguel Paz.

OLD BUSINESS.

I. CHURCH AUDIO SYSTEM.

Mark Scheitel was present to discuss the church audio system concerning ways to fix some sound distortion problems. It is believed that the distortion is being caused by the floor microphones used by the choirs. Dan Caesar will try to fix the problem by using a wireless headset to monitor the sound, while adjusting the mixer used to control the floor microphones. Another concern mentioned, was that people sitting on the backside of the speakers (choir, Priests) have difficulty hearing the lectors. Dan will also investigate using some “monitor speakers” that could be used to direct audio to the choir area and the Priest sitting area. The Council gave approval for the purchase of the wireless headset.

II. NEIGHBORHOOD PROJECT.

- a. Pat Fallon reported that she and Miguel have completed a tri-fold presentation for the Ministry Fair scheduled for September 20th and 21st. A follow-up letter will go out to anyone that signs up to join this new Ministry.

NEW BUSINESS.

III. STEWARDSHIP.

Art Dunne, Stewardship Coordinator for the parish was present to give a quarterly update. Art began by updating the Council on some of the activities the Stewardship Committee has done over the months. These include; formation of a Welcoming Team which welcomes new Parishioners, weekly Bulletin inserts, Wills Seminar, Ministry Fair, etc. The Welcoming Team visits with all new parishioners either by phone or in person.

Art then discussed some other “mailings” the Stewardship committee has sent out and Survey’s they have taken. Mailings are used to get people to think about increasing their “gifts” in regards to helping the parish (time, talent, treasure). Art phoned Ministry leaders this past summer to gain more information on how they viewed their Ministries and get an idea on how their volunteer efforts have progressed.

The Council asked Art about the data being collected by the Committee’s “mailings” and phone calls, to see if this data is currently being used, and if so, in what fashion. The Council suggested that they would like to see some type of measurements from the

Stewardship committee, to know if certain programs are being successful. Mary Ellen volunteered to meet with Art to discuss the possibility of obtaining some tangible results from the Stewardship committee. The Council also discussed whether we need to provide the Stewardship committee with a “strategic plan” on where we would like to see Stewardship go over the next few years.

The Council will continue to ask Art for a quarterly update, but in the future, would like to see some “measurable” results. Some items of interest; Do the “joyful giving” parishioner testimonials, have an impact on weekly contributions? – Art to work with Carol to check book-keeping records. Is there an increase in Ministry sign-ups following the Ministry Fair?

IV. **RETREAT.** Greg Sherman reported on what he and Randy Horlocker have drafted.

- a. Date set for Sept. 27th, 8-12p.m., at Assisi Heights.
- b. Topic: Fulfilling the parish vision, Strategic Planning 2008.

V. **Thank you notes.**

- a. ValLimar Jansen
- b. Men’s Club for Steak Fry
- c. Directors of CEW week-end, Fran Kooistra and Terry Painter.

VI. **Next meeting.** October 21, 3rd Tuesday, 7 p.m. Round Table at ROCK.

VII. Greg Sherman offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Wagner
Recording Secretary.