

Pastoral Advisory Council

Minutes: October 4, 2011

Present: Fr. Tom, Deacon Mark, Mary Ellen Singer, Phil Martin (Finance), Holly Shields, Bob Cox, Mary Creason, Bonnie Filoso, Jim Franz, Jim Holahan, Richard Knoll, Alicia Norris

COMMISSION REPORTS

Social Action – Jim Holahan

1. Circles of Justice (Helps people in poverty break the cycle) – Had an initial introductory presentation on Tuesday, Oct 11, and a follow-up training session on Saturday, October 22.
2. Bridges of Poverty discussion
3. Talk of Blood Drive – no date set
4. Twinning – not truly Twinning in Bolivia, but still helping some

Jim talked about a disconnect when missing a Social Action meeting – this is especially true of Social Action. **Recommends having a consistent representative.**

Worship – Alicia Norris

1. Reviewed Roman Missal – discussed concerns on how to approach Mass
 - a. Will have front page of Bulletin – to reach people
2. **Proposed Christmas Mass Times – Saturday at 4:00 and 10:00. Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30.** This is consistent with past Christmas Masses, but it's Saturday/Sunday so wanted to approval. **Approved by Father Tom?**
3. Worship is going to begin meeting at 6:00 vs. 6:30, so they can get everything covered by 7:30.

Faith Formation – Mary Creason

1. Talked about needing better web updates

Finance Council – Phil Martin

1. Parish is financially in good shape
2. Working on a long-range financial Plan – Discussion

FINANCE REPORT – Deacon Mark

1. Reviewed Business Manager Report
2. Blue Envelope collection is lower than last year, but on track
3. Refinance Parish Debt – proposal – Consensus agreed

PASTOR'S TOPIC

1. Vision Meeting – **Need to schedule meeting for those that could not attend the first. Also asked to invite commission members. – Complete. Date set for Saturday, December 3. Email sent to PAC members and Commission Chairs. Need headcount by Tuesday, November 15.**

2. Fr. Tom reiterated some of the main discussion from the Vision Meeting. Fr. Tom is not a PAC “member”, he is a presider at PAC.
 - “What is our role on PAC” --
 - a. Study a particular matter
 - b. Reflect on it/Pray – what learned
 - c. Recommend Sound ConclusionOur job is to help Fr. Tom do his work better as a pastor. We need to come to PAC prepared (a and b above) – so that we can recommend sound conclusions.
3. Once everyone has attended the Vision Meeting – will need to discuss:
 - a. Write a constitution for PAC – set term limits, etc. **(Suggestions on who?)**
 - b. 3-Year Long Term Vision for Parish - Need an outside committee to report to PAC – **Deacon Mark to make proposal**
4. Social Action (via Mary Ellen) – **suggested a Mass that Commissioned the Commission Members. This needs to be run by Worship Commission – In Progress - Holly Shields has discussed this with Melissa Bennett (Worship Chair) – Melissa suggested doing this soon after the next Vision Meeting on December 3, but will discuss it at the November Worship Commission Meeting.**

Post PAC Questions:

1. Names and Contact information of PAC – Complete and sent to PAC
2. Mission/Purpose Statements of Commissions – see attached in email
3. Prior 5-year-plan copies requested. **How many people want this? – it’s big, so don’t want to make too many copies.**

Next PAC meeting — November 8*, 2011

* Please note this is the 2nd Tuesday of the Month, due to a conflict on the first Tuesday.