

**St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes June 08**

Present: Missy Arana (Secretary), Dan Buck (President), Sr. Michelle Faltus, Angie Luna, Darlene Sheridan, Jim Svoboda, Becky Tometich

Absent: Brent Pohlman, Leo Kochanowicz

Also Present: Father Gary Ostrander, (Kathy Hanson, Recording Secretary), Incoming members Mary Bystrom and Judy Haug.

I. OPENING PRAYER

II. GUEST REPORTS: none

III. SCHOOL Report: (Dave Garland) – no report this month. Missy reported on the approximate enrollment for Dave; 380 currently registered for next year (had hoped for 400); including 54 kindergardeners. The turnover to 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade has improved from previous years, only losing 5 students and gaining 3 new ones in 6-7<sup>th</sup> grade. One teacher is leaving to go to OPS for sure and another may be leaving. Talked about State accreditation at the last meeting, including discussion about it being too much work. Several parish council members voiced concern/disappointment with this and suggested that we need accreditation to stay competitive and develop further asking for figures as to what percentage of schools/catholic schools in the area are currently accredited. It was asked that this be followed up on [OPEN ITEM to follow up this fall or sooner]. See also Total Education discussion.

IV. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: approved.

V. PASTORS REPORT: *No report this week/ see 'Evangelization'.*

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship (Stew) – Brent Pohlman *no written report this month*

A letter has been drafted for the next diocesan campaign. Would like to draw in \$7-9M to fund the youth center with a 5 year drive.. that equates to approx. \$72K/year /parish over a 5 year period which is probably realistic. PC members suggested that congratulations are in order for the work that has been done so far by Stewardship committee and related helpers.

Total Education (TE) Committee - Missy Arana – *no written report*

- See above school discussion.

Evangelization (Evan) - Fr. Gary – *no written report this month*

- Year of St. Paul (200<sup>th</sup> anniversary) continuing education events being planned by Fr. Gary.

- Mission – March 14-22 – G. Brothers to be here.

Family Life Committee (FL) - Sr. Michelle Faltus – *no minutes this month.*

- No meeting documented.

Finance (Fin) - Jim Svoboda. - *No Report this month*

- Festival chairman was concerned that she is not getting many volunteers. Things appear to be getting better. The call for contributing a portion of the refund is working so far with approx. \$30k in donations so far.

Human Needs Committee (HN) - Darlene Sheridan – *No Report this month*

- Things going well, nothing really new. Kathy Steinbeck has not started working on the committee's yet.

Liturgy (Lit) - Becky Tometich – *No Report this month.*

- Question was brought up as to whether the rep should step in to help the chairman/leader they havnt been scheduled in a while. The rep was encouraged to keep things moving and call a meeting as necessary.

Maintenance (maint) - Leo Kochanowicz – *no report this month*

- no discussion

Social Committee (Soc) - Angie Luna: *no report this month*

- Quilt – few more blocks needed.

- Golf event – Raised approx \$14K for the Fr. Foster Endowment fund.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

None

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### Committee Assignments Discussed:

Suggestion was made that the 'Total Ed' be split up into two different assignments; one for school ed and the other for parish ed/ family / adult ed. Most seemed to agree that this would be help.

Jim – President

Becky – Liturgy (maintained)

Tim – Maintenance

Angie – Adult Ed/ CCD

Brent - ?

Sr. Michelle – Finance

Judy – Human Needs

Executive Committee: Becky was nominated for third member of the Executive Committee. She agreed to run and was voted in as the Secretaru/

Goals for 08-09: A suggestion was made that we should try to narrow the goals down to maybe 5 major things this next year. Father recommended looking at the book '10 Best Catholic Parishes' which revolves around building on the strength you have.

#### V. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS:

Next meetings: August 16 is estimated date for the Parish Council goals retreat  
Sept 28, 9am mass is the Investiture for the Parish Council Members

CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment