

**St. Gerald Parish Pastoral Council**

**Meeting Minutes October 08**

October 9, 2008

Present: Mary Bystrom, Sr. Michelle Faltus, Judy Haug, Angie Luna (Vice President), Brent Pohlman, Darlene Sheridan, Jim Svoboda (President), Becky Tometich (Secretary)

Absent:

Also Present: Father Gary Ostrander, Dave Garland-School principal, (Kathy Hanson, Recording Secretary)

OPENING PRAYER

I. GUEST REPORTS: none

II. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: approved

III. SCHOOL Report: (Dave Garland) – *see Attachment 1, Principle's Report to the Parish Council 10-9-08*

*Additional comments:* A request was made that the results of the Catholic Education Symposium votes be shared with the school board and parish council (see attached general results). It was suggested that there were several important/good focus areas, however additional funding is necessary to implement most of those that are not already being implemented.

IV. PASTORS REPORT:

A. Small Group Faith Sharing/Renew: Seems to be going well – 19 groups

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Stewardship (Stew) – Angie Luna – *see Attachment 2, Stewardship meeting Agenda*

*Additional comments:*

- Father is planning to speak at all masses for Stewardship and will be focusing on involvement more this year (partly due to the economic situation).

School Board Committee – Judy Haug *no written minutes, no meeting since last month.*

*See above school discussion. Additional discussion:*

- Bob Schweigr is coming to St. Gerald to speak o school board on accreditation; possibly Wed Oct 22nd

Evangelization (Evan) - Fr. Gary – *See Pastors Report, above. No written report this month*

Parish Ed – Brent Pohlman – *no written report this month.*

- Brent is trying to get a handle on the parish education groups. One that he has participated in is youth ministry with some disappointment. Several ideas were discussed including campus ministers at various colleges to help promote High school events maybe 4 times/yr. Also discussed low-risk ways that kids can get involved in the parish or in youth events/liturgies. Kathy was going to attend a parish council meeting last year, and did not come after all. We thought this was to discuss specific issues of the kids attending events last year...but suggestion was made to invite her to discuss the youth ministry and her views/challenges/needs/ideas. Several PC members seemed to have an interest in the program.

Finance (Fin). - - Sr. Michelle Faltus *No written report this month*

- John will be attending on an as-needed basis per Father Gary.

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

- Father met with other churches in a meeting led by United Church of Christ ladies promoting a 'food distribution program' for the needy, aging and others. The parishes would publicize, collect the money for the food in advance and help with distribution. This program might involve a 'central place' to distribute the food and others are going to ask the Sr. Citizen center if they could become a distribution point. Food

includes bulk meat or prepared meals, is prepaid at around \$30/box, and arrives in bulk every few weeks. Father Gary suggests that we be open to participating at this point; for community and interfaith involvement if nothing else.

Liturgy (Lit) - Becky Tometich – *No meeting, no report this month*

It sounds like Mary Clare is interested in continuing in her role as liturgy committee leader

Maintenance (maint) – *see Attachment 3, Maintenance Committee report*

- Brainstormed a little for space to store items
- Discussed upgrades to sound system briefly; with encouragement for others to go to sound engineers/upgrade meetings if interested in the details of the exact problem and solutions (technical)

Social Committee (Soc) – *see Attachment 4, Social Committee Report*

*Additional discussion:*

- 'Thinking of You' cards – Mary called a couple of parishioners who are interested in helping with this program.
- St. Gerald Hosting Madjugoria (sp?) speaker Oct 19 with snacks afterwards.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nick Steinbeck retirement – Mike Kelly agreed to write an article.. discussed timing. Decided on a character as well as framed article to go with it.

NEW BUSINESS: none

V. PRESIDENT/ VP BUSINESS:

Next meetings: Next Meeting November 13

December Christmas Gathering: December 14 6pm; PC'rs and spouses/sig others w/heavy appetizers and Drinks

CLOSING PRAYER / Adjournment