

## Minutes from the Pastoral Council Meeting Tuesday, April 08, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 after Evening Prayer.

Amendments to the Minutes from the March 08, 2008 meeting:

1) Bill Michie noted that we have not yet formed stewardship committee, but we are in the process of forming it.

Amendments to the night's agenda: none

### **Budget Report:**

At this point of the fiscal year, SRL parish is slightly under budget, about \$26,000 "in the black." It was noted, though, that this is an estimate since there are several items not yet fully accounted for. Parishioners are welcome to see the budget if they so desire, but they should know that some of the figures at the end of the report may be misleading without explanation.

### **Ministry Reports:**

Corrections/revisions to the distribution of Ministries:

- Family Promise – Brenda Fisher
- Marriage Encounter – Jeff Everts (also the ME contact).
- Young at Heart – Brenda Fisher
- Family Promise – Marv Brossett
- NFP and Engaged Encounter – Malu Dunn
- Ladies Society and Welcome New Parishioners – Brenda Fisher
- Prison/jail – Barbara Tucci (Jan Shiplett is the Prison contact)
- Love Thy Neighbor – Vicky Schlenker
- Burse – Brenda Fisher
- Ladies Society contact is Brenda (not Judy Platt)

### **Old Business:**

Ministry Booklets: Steps necessary to continue the project have been completed.

Single Again ministry: On track, additional information forthcoming

50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration for St. Rose of Lima Parish: tabled until next meeting

Stewardship goals update: tabled until next meeting

Evaluation of the Lenten Fish dinners: feedback was overwhelmingly positive from the council members; Fr. Dennis reported that averaged about 220 diners each Friday.

Parish Life Center report: The building committee is meeting once a week with the architect. It is difficult to say when the ground-breaking will be due to factors at the county level outside of our control.

Goals for 2008: tabled until next meeting

### **Pastor's Report:**

Holy Week Evaluation: the initial feedback was positive: "the services were beautiful"; Fr. Bernie suggested having multiple crosses for the Good Friday veneration of the cross; heavy attendance at the 8am Mass was a distraction; Fr. Bernie was complimented for

having simultaneous 10:30am Masses. Fr. Dennis indicated, if there are sufficient priests, next year there will be two 8am masses as well.

Altering the time of the Good Friday service was suggested as well as having more than one in English. Fr. Dennis noted that the rubrics do not allow multiplying Holy Week Services within the same language. A single bilingual service was suggested. Fr. Dennis explained that the bilingual services have been shown to be more awkward than attending a service completely in ones non-native language. Plans for projectors in the church might allow for more bilingual possibilities.

Fr. Dennis raised the question of developing information regarding satisfaction of the parishioners with the various factors of the Services. The first proposal was a poll at the end of the service. It was noted that direct polling can be problematic: the people who are not there may be the ones to offer the most useful information for improvement. In addition, some may not feel comfortable speaking up in that forum. Another suggestion was to prepare a mail out survey; Fr. Dennis recommended having a feedback form distributed two weeks before next year.

CSA: Fr. Dennis informed the council that our goal is \$66,588, our pledges so far are \$32,850 (49% of the goal). This leaves us \$33,738 short of our goal. The number of families that have donated is 112 out of 870 (13% of the families)

Outreach Center: No discussion

May Crowning: First Sunday of May (May 4), Fr. Bernie has the 10:30 Mass.

Farewell for Kevin McQuone: Kevin's last Sunday is April 27. His farewell celebration will be after the 10:30 Mass in the Parish Hall.

Ordination of Paul Lambert: Paul will be ordained April 19, 2008.

Cinco de mayo: The celebration will be on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, not the actual day. It will be after the 12:30 Spanish Mass.

Mother's Day flowers: flowers will be given to the mothers during Mass.

### **New Business:**

Community Building: tabled

### **Questions and Statements:**

- A suggestion was made to review usher protocol. Fr. Dennis stated that this is already planned.
- The recent phone campaign revealed many disconnected numbers.
- Noted: some parishioners give cash in the weekly offering so we don't know how many are really giving.
- Bill Maines (guest) made several suggestions including improving access to the pastor, visiting parish members, and updating membership roles.
- Noise in the vestibule and in the Church is a distraction during Confession.
- Noise in the church during praying the Rosary can be an obstacle to prayer.

Kevin closed the meeting with prayer at about 7:40.