

St. John the Evangelist Parish
is a welcoming and responsive Faith Community,
nourished by the word of God,
and the Eucharistic Table.
We are open and trusting
in the love of Jesus Christ
to advance the power of the Holy Spirit,
within the parish and beyond
by living the Gospel.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 2012

Attendees, Council: Fr. Thomas Bland, Fr. Art Najera, Sr. Hannah Mary O'Donoghue, Ken Macdonald, Chairperson, Nancy Conroy, John Glasgow, Maria Kian, Jack Oliver, Joe Rapier, Gina Richardson, Andy Strand, John Turek, Jack Wilson and Cathy Lomax

Spiritual Leader: Maria Kian read "Little Messages from God..."

Guests: Theresa Gamble, Jack McGolligan, and Tom Storelli

Finance Council Update:

Jack McGolligan brought the Council up to date with the following information:

For this fiscal year, Parish expenses are exceeding income by about \$30,000. He stated in the past 16 months, \$37,000 has been drawn from savings to meet operational expenses. This trend leaves the Parish with a rapidly declining balance in our savings account. With expenses rising approximately 4% a year, and with weekend collections flat over the past five years, we need a long-range plan which will help to stabilize our financial situation. A strengthened stewardship program could be the vehicle to bring growth to our weekly collection income.

2012 is the final year of the Capitol Campaign. This year would be an appropriate time to initiate a stewardship program and generate new interest in supporting our Church financially. At present, all routine operational expenses and repairs are being closely reviewed. Steps to review our service contracts are being completed, and our staff is constantly looking at ways to reasonably reduce cost. After brainstorming ideas and suggestions, Fr. Tom stated he would identify some people to form a team to work with him to generate a plan to present to the Parishioners. Ken stated it would be a good idea to involve the School parents and the younger generation of parishioners who will be our future leaders.

Minutes: The minutes from the January 9, 2012 Council Meeting were approved with minor corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

Committee Reports:

Ministry Recruitment: Jack Wilson stated the Ministry schedule for February is the Ushers. March Ministries will be Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion, Ladies Guild and Knights of Columbus. In January, two adults were recruited for Altar Server training, six people were recruited for Legion of Mary as associates, and one adult for the Music Ministry. Sr. Hannah stated 25 children (grades 5 through 9) have been trained for the Altar Servers Program. The Council will continue to look at ways to enhance our ministry recruiting process.

Parish Directory: Andy Strand stated he has contacted the two vendors; Life Touch and Olan Mills. Each vendor will be invited to provide a presentation of 15 – 20 minutes highlighting their service, costs, etc. Life Touch is the vendor for Presentation Parish, and if we were to choose them as our provider, they could interchange photo times between the two parishes if parishioners had a problem making their appointment time. After a committee is formed we can set a date for the presentations and evaluate each vendor. Both companies offered to contact the people and handle all their inquiries. The appointments can be done on line and after Masses. The Directory is free of charge to the Parish. Vendors make their

profits from the portraits they sell to parishioners. Cost to our parishioners will be a major factor in the selection process.

Ministry Reports:

Youth Ministry: Maria stated she is still continuing to organize the three groups; Jr. High, High School and young adults. Their first meeting was held at a fun session at a bowling alley. The Jr. High students won with help from Fr. Art. During the meeting Fr. Art and Sr. Hannah were overwhelmed with insightful questions regarding vocations. With the number of excellent questions from the last meeting, she announced there will be two vocation meetings a year in the future. Maria is in the process of investigating several fundraisers for the Youth Ministry. A meeting with Bishop Soto is scheduled for May or June for 6th grade and above. Guest speakers will be invited. The first weekend in April will be the recruitment for the Youth Ministry.

Religious Education: Sr. Hannah introduced Theresa Gamble. Theresa is a catechist for the 2nd grade, and she is also a Mercy Associate. Sr. Hannah highlighted the following:

February 12th She met with parents and guardians of the RCIA children's group
February 24th RC Catechists and RCIA members will lead the Stations of the Cross
March 4th Confirmation candidates will be attending the Diocesan Confirmation-Conference at St. Francis High School. In the afternoon there will be a meeting with the parents/guardians of children who are preparing to receive First Holy Communion.

Sr. Hannah mentioned an 8th grade girl in the Religious Ed Confirmation class lost her brother, Michael Cole, who served in Iraq. Michael was murdered last week. Please keep her, and her family in your prayers.

Theresa Gamble provided highlights from her class to include:

- How the Bible was started
- How not to be afraid of going to confession
- Children are taught how to identify sexual abuse, boundaries, limits, etc.

Adult Enrichment: Fr. Tom stated the first class of the "Catholicism" program was held last Thursday with a good turnout. It was very well presented with beautiful scenery. Fr. Tom, Fr. Art, Deacon Larry and Sr. Hannah are the facilitators. There are nine classes left, he urges everyone to attend one or all of the presentations, and bring a guest.

St John's School: Catholic Schools Week was held two weeks ago. The well attended "Kick Off" took place on January 29. Highlights for that week were:

- Wednesday, Feb. 1st over 500 grandparents attended Grandparents Day,
- Thursday, Feb. 2nd was International Fair Day, which was very well received.
- The Crab Feed was held Saturday, February 4th and 324 tickets were sold.
- School registration begins March 25th.
- Today twelve children and parents visited patients in the Veteran's Hospital in Rancho Cordova and presented them with Valentine Cards made by all the children. This same event is held for our veterans on Veteran's Day.

NEW BUSINESS:

"Soup and Stations" Ken stated March 30th will be the assigned date for the Pastoral Council for Soup and Stations. He urged everyone to mark their calendars and to plan on bringing a meatless soup. The details will be finalized at next months meeting.

John Turek stated he has information on the "Cal Fresh" program, which is the new name for the food stamp program. Fr. Tom suggested he contact Jay Barry in the Food Locker.

Ken asked everyone if they have any new ideas/project for the Pastoral Council to entertain, please submit them to him or Fr. Tom.

Next Meeting: March 12, 2012 St. Catherine's Room

Spiritual Leader: John Glasgow

Minutes submitted by Cathy Lomax, Recording Secretary, February 14, 2012