

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING 10/14/08

PRESENT: Mark Farney, Rita Byrd, Karen Camm, Bev Stegman, Louise Roth, Bob Hassman, Sheila Carroll, Jim Owens, Father Stef Bankemper, Rob Hans, Matt Connolly

Absent: Tom New, Karen Little, Carol Adams

Guest: Nathan Myers, BOCE

Opening Prayer: Bev Stegman

Pastor's Report:

Father Stef proposed a plaza type entrance to the church. Discussion followed.

Conclusion: Discuss at future meeting.

"State of the Parish" presentation is tentatively schedule January 25, 2009.

Pledge drive for 2009 will be November, 15/16, 2008, at each of the three masses.

Bishop Roger Foys is visiting at St. Catherine November 2 1-23. Detailed schedule is not complete, but he will meet with BOCE and PPC on Friday, and be present for all three weekend masses.

Finance Committee:

Bob Hassman presented information regarding diocesan audit. (See August minutes for details) Highlights of current budget expenditures include approximately \$17,600 on capital improvements, such as rectory improvements and roof, a new boiler for the heating system, and air conditioning for the parish center.

Kindercare will not have tuition increase this year, but there will be an increase next year. The amount of increase is unknown at this time.

Personnel employee benefit package policy for staff non-certified staff will be drafted by a sub-committee of the Parish Pastoral Council.

Discussion is on-going regarding size of the current seventh grade class and compliance with school guidelines.

Board of Education:

Jim Owens stated that the BOCE will present same format as PPC.

Service web page for students has been updated with opportunities and requirements for meeting service hours.

A letter has been sent to seventh grade parents regarding a curriculum proposal to include a teacher aide, more individual assistance for the student, and increased labs.

BOCE is considering amending school policy 6.0 regarding eligibility for extra-curricular activities.

Parish night

Written report from Karen Little. Attendance continues to grow with 75-100 at each Wednesday Mass compared to usually 50 persons. Youth Ministry averages 17 per night, while Children's Ministry averages 75 per night.

There was a large turnout for the Belize presentation October 8. Jon Guth and the 11:30 Crew will perform October 15. There will be a weekly update in the Sunday bulletin and also group emailing to promote that week's presentation.

Personnel policies:

Mark Farney asked for volunteers for a committee to determine non-certified employee benefits but appointed, along with himself, Jim Owens, Jim Hassman, Tom New, and Dave Barth.

Ecumenical activities:

Bev Stegman began by giving a definition of "ecumenism" which is communication among Christians, and "inter-faith" which includes Christian and non-Christian dialogue. She described past Ft. Thomas ecumenical Good Friday services.

Discussion included a pamphlet listing local churches which participate in a welcoming program for new residents of Ft. Thomas. It was suggested a letter to these churches inviting participation in the planning for a Good Friday service in 2009. Bev Stegman will present this opportunity to the interfaith group before the December PPC meeting and report to us at that time.

BOCE: (Board of Catholic Education)

Nathan Myers reported improved communication between school and CCD. Nathan Myers and David Kohrs (CCD director) had an initial brief meeting. There was discussion of current and possible enhancement of curriculum, formation of a CCD committee, examination of current by-laws, and form of communication for the meetings. Father Stef is composing a written test for school, CCD, and home school children to demonstrate preparedness prior to reception of the sacraments. Currently there is a

policy regarding absence and eligibility for Holy Communion and Confirmation reception. Registration process may be changed. CONCLUSION: Father Stef will work with Doug Lonneman and David Kohrs regarding school and CCD respectively.

Parish e-mail list: Carol Adams has had several e-mailings. Plan update on the process next meeting.

New Business: None

Opening prayer next meeting will be given by Jim Owens, and closing prayer by Louise Roth.

Next meeting will be November 11, 2008

The meeting was ended with prayer by Rita Byrd.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,