

January 8, 2008, PPC Meeting Minutes

No one was absent.

Opening Prayer: Gene Broccolo

November 13, 2007, minutes approved by Annmarie Gesualdo.

Bob Kelly was a guest in attendance.

Commission Reports:

Spiritual Life Commission Report by Annmarie Gesualdo

Altar care: Margaret Lenhart changed the linens to reflect the Advent season.

Altar Servers: Monsignor and Deacon Bob invited PREP to serve Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers: Parish Ministry Day suggested for all ministers with an invited speaker from outside our parish. This is on the agenda for the Spiritual Life Commission.

Flower Care: Christmas flower donations secured through the bulletin and a follow-up thank you to the donors will also be published.

Lectors: Dan Seeburg. has printed the new lector schedule. The Christmas Lessons and Carols readers were well received.

Music Ministry: Lessons and Carols celebration was well attended. The music was beautiful. 14 children composed the Children's choir on Christmas Eve. Their singing was divine. The Mozart concert planned for February is postponed.

Ushers/Greeters: No 8th graders were interested in being ushers. Sunday collection bags are working well.

A midnight mass on Christmas Eve was suggested by a parishoner. In lieu of the 5:30pm mass on Christmas Eve, it is possible for a 10pm or midnight mass. A survey will be addressed in September by the Spiritual Life Commission to see if this is viable option.

Education Commission by Rima Abraham

40 women attended Deacon Bob's Evening of Reflection.

Bible Study will continue with the second part of the Acts of the Apostles.

A meeting with Monsignor, Cathy Stegich, Rima Abraham, Tim Halfman, and DRE, Cindy Morales discussed a proposal to put together a brochure to explain the policy and goals and to promote the PREP program at SPA.

Curriculum Day was not well attended. Next year it will be in the beginning of the PREP year.

Christmas pageant was well attended and well received. Much improved from last year.

The 7th and 8th grade upcoming retreats on January 23 and January 30 are on the Sunset Ridge calendar. This demonstrates great communication with the public school.

CAB meetings were well attended in Oct. and Dec.

Youth Ministry: Holly is trying a junior high movie night. High School Bible study is to continue with discussion. Holly continues to show at church on Wed. and Sat. for support for students who want to go to confession. She invites students to go to 11:45am Sunday mass with her, if they don't have the option to go with their family. A night of praise and worship is planned in February. She is currently working with Brent on selecting contemporary music for an 11:45am Sunday YOUTH mass hopefully before Lent starts. She has been working hard on a YOUTH mass.

Human Concerns Commission Report by Mary Claps

Minister of Care Committee: Maryhaven Nursing Home continues to need volunteers to help distribute communion. SPA helps out OLPH. It is OLPH's primary responsibility. Bruce Old is a recently certified minister of care. There is training involved beyond being a Eucharistic minister.

Sharing parish – St. Benedict the African (SBA): John Meade is the newly appointed contact. John Meade wrote a letter regarding his Nov. 25, 2007, visit to SBA. SPA is very generous to SBA both directly and indirectly through the Archdioceses Cardinal's Appeal. The Human Concerns Commission needs to create a Sharing Committee lead by John Meade. John and the Sharing Committee can meet with Father Jones to discuss particular needs within a \$10-20,000 range, arrange a visit to SBA, invite SBA to come to Northfield, and write articles on activities to be printed in our weekly bulletin. Canned goods and money are well appreciated, not used clothing. John Graf will meet with John Meade regarding the Men's Club help. Lent may be a great time for to involve 7th & 8th graders in a canned food drive, coordinated with John Meade and other adults. SBA feast day may be another giving day other than Christmas.

Respect Life group: January meeting is devoted to writing letters to political leaders for their support on life issues. Holy Hour for Life with Exposition, the rosary and Benediction will be held at SPA following 8:30 mass on Jan. 22, the 35th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade. In the

spring there will be a presentation on pornography and the talk will be followed by a presentation on computer tracking ability for parents on their home computers.

A mass will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral on Jan. 20 at 12:30 for the 35th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade.

Parish Life Commission Report by John Graf

Neighborhood Parties: In May, ONE party will be held. The planning is just beginning. In the fall, 5 regional hosts will be needed for another round of parties.

Cards for Charity: January 26 is the big night. Donations and silent auction items are in place.

Women's Guild: The Spring Luncheon will be held at Indian Hill Club and the guest speaker will be Charlie Trotter. More details will follow.

Pastor Report:

If you plan on attending Parish Leadership Day, the parish will pay the fee.

Let Madge know within the next 10 days or so. January 4 was the last day for the discounted admission.

Update on construction plans: Archdiocese vendors approved. Next week the bids will be sent out. Frank Charhut will take the plans to the village for permits.

Communication needs addressed by John Meade: Catholic Charities is responsible for the 1 family apartment lease. OLPH, St. Catherine Lab., SPA are involved. SPA contributes \$400/mo. through the Sharing Hands fund. Sharon Riley from OLPH reports and these reports are printed in the bulletin. She is also the liaison with Catholic Charities. Marybeth Hartman from Catholic Charities wrote a thank you note to SPA and it was published in our bulletin. As of February 2007, another family has been aided by this outreach program.

Improve web site: Publish a month of bulletins. Currently 2 weeks are published. If the PPC passes a resolution, announce it on the web site. Publish agendas and minutes once approved. There will be a 60 day lag time.

Current communications: Bulletin Board, Web Site and Bulletin.

Information on Construction plans: This project was mentioned in the 2001 Millennium report before Monsignor arrived. In July of 2002, the pledges came in and were above the required amount. The rehab of washrooms was again mentioned for handicap worshipers. In 2003, Monsignor inherited architectural plans from Father Dunn. The

bathroom was delayed due to redoing of the gym roof and parking lot lights. New architectural plans were drafted and once concrete figures were available, the Archdiocese approved \$500,000 of savings for this project and bell tower repair. The 2005-06 annual parish report includes the washroom rehab, the 60th Anniversary Parish Directory announces the rehab for handicap worshipers and the 2006-07 annual report also mentions the construction. The construction information was available and published parish wide.

Deacon Report:

Advent reflection was well attended.

Monsignor and Deacon Bob gave all altar servers McDonald gift certificates for their dedicated service.

Election process in constitution will be addressed in new business.

Minutes need to be approved before being published on web site.

Individual commissions need to be pro-active. Come up with an idea and plan and bring it to the council. Our extended conversation on SBA was a discussion for the Human Concerns Commission.

New Business:

Monthly calendar is in the process of being published. January will be available in next week's bulletin.

Election process: Article 2 of constitution. John Graf and Annmarie Gesualdo volunteered to Deacon Bob on the nominating committee.

Gene Broccolo, Holly Georgopulos, and John Graf all have one year terms. The nominating committee will present to the PPC at the March 11 meeting and then the election will be held in May.

Parish leadership day and parish web site addressed in Pastor report.

Closing Prayer: Gene Broccolo

Adjournment: At 9:05pm Bob Snediker made a motion to dismiss and Cathy Stegich seconded.

NEXT MEETING MARCH 11, 2008, 7:30PM, FATHER HENRY ROOM