

March 11, 2008, PPC Meeting Minutes

Holly Georgopoulos absent

Opening Prayer: Bob Snediker

January 8, 2008, minutes approved by Mary Claps/John Graf

Commission Reports:

Spiritual Life Commission Report by Annemarie Gesualdo

Altar care: Altar is prepared with the seasonal colors.

Altar servers: Dedicated and knowledgeable. Monsignor and Deacon Bob will train new servers next year.

Eucharistic Ministers: Two ministers requested removal from list and Cathy Stegich recruited 4 new Eucharistic ministers.

Flower Care: Bulletin will announce request for donations for Easter flowers.

Lectors: Dan Seeberg needs to send a copy of the lector schedule to Cindy Morales to avoid the March 9 PREP reader problem. When 6th, 7th, and 8th grade sing, they will also be the lectors. Donna and Cindy will coordinate this with Dan Seeberg. April 20, 2008, is Confirmation mass at 3pm. The students will read. May 4, 2008, is First Communion at 11:45am mass and the parents will read.

Music Ministry: Brent's organ meditations for Lent were excellent.

Ushers/Greeters: Stan Smith will set up for Holy Thursday.

Additional Lenten/Holy Week preparations:

Annmarie and Maureen will bring back the sacred oils at the March 18 Chrism mass downtown.

Quinn Kaiser, Melissa Murrin and Justin Schroeder will present the sacred oils.

Annmarie needs four adults for foot washing on Holy Thursday.

Cathy Stegich recruited 4 people from PREP and Dan recruited 4 high school students.

Future Dates: Feast of St. Philip the Apostle is May 3rd. A special 8am liturgical celebration will honor our patron saint. A continental breakfast will follow.

Education Commission Report by Rima Abraham

Lenten Mission: Rev. Richard Simon gave the mission for 3 consecutive days, Feb.11-13, ending on the last night with Mass. Attendance was fair. Maybe 35 people the first night, 25 people and closed with 45 people.

Soup & Scripture with Deacon Bob was held Feb.18, March3, and March10.

Lenten Food Drive continues.

Vacation Bible School will be The Great Rainforest Adventure and it will focus on stewardship.

The Youth Group: Shea Acott received an award for her leadership in the Church. Holly has a photo of Shea being congratulated by Bishop Kane.

Holly please forward photograph to rectory for print in bulletin.

Holly will take some teens to the Youth Rally and mass in Yankee Stadium on April 20th. Take lots of photos and share with the parish!

CAB: Exit interviews will not be mailed but rather conducted by phone. Results will be shared at our next meeting on May 13th. We will try to improve our PREP program with positive/negative feed back.

Brochures for the PREP program are a work in progress. Pictures, quotes, and information with a link to our website for further information will be included in the brochure. It will be distributed to all families in the parish.

Cathy Stegich, Annmarie Gesualdo, Maureen and Mary Claps and Rima Abraham attended the Parish Leadership Day on Feb. 2, 2008. The workshops were relevant and the staff was knowledgeable.

Human Concern Commission Report by Mary Claps

Ministers of Care: Holly is a substitute for Art McGinnis.

Sharing Parish: We give SBA a quarterly donation as well as 5 other parishes. The Men's Club donated \$4,000 this year, up from last year.

John Graf is working on more projects.

Respect Life Committee is planning a presentation on how parents can protect their children from internet porn on April 3, 2008. Madge will send announcements to local parishes. The event will be held in the convent chapel.

Advent baby bottle project collected \$2,100 for the Women's Center.

Parish Life Commission Report by John Graf

Hospitality Committee: Holy Saturday Vigil reception. Caroline to set up room and Choir/parishioners will provide food.

Can Hospitality Committee be one person? Options to offend and potentially quit or muddle through? Perhaps, we can nominate Caroline for PPC Parish Life Commission leader and solve all communication issues. Definitely FOOD for thought!

Men's Club: Three charities – SBA, Mercy Home for boys and girls and Amante House – each received \$4,000. The dollar amount increased from \$3,300 last year to \$4,000 this year. Great job Men's Club members!

They also are more organized for next year with lists going out in September.

June 16, 2008, Golf outing will remain at Highland Park CC. Gerry Schroeder will head this event. Wilmette Golf Club was too expensive and we needed at least 100 golfers. Last year we had 82 total golfers. The goal will be to have 2 sponsors per hole at \$150 a sponsor for a total of \$5,400. Last year, they had one sponsor per hole at \$200 for \$3,600. Great idea! High school and college kids are invited this year, not just adults.

Women's Guild: Pancake Breakfast attendance up but budget glitches didn't include accurate expenses.

City Bus Tour set for April 6, 2008. Brunch at Misericordia and Holy Name will be replaced with either St. Mary's of the Angels or the Chicago History Museum exhibit, Catholic Chicago.

Spring Luncheon will be April 26, 2008, at Hausseman-Brasserie in Northfield with Jacky Pluton, renowned Chef, author and TV personality. Charlie Trotter cancelled.

Pastor Report:

At the Deanery meeting, October mass attendance was discussed. Attendance for Sunday mass is not encouraging. Less people are going to mass from 2006 to 2007. 3.4% drop in diocese. Our area, Vicariate II realized a 5.8% drop in attendance. OLPH realized a 29.7% drop, probably because of new pastor. Father Flavin's attendance count not accurate. St. Norbert's down by 3.6% and Our Lady of the Brook down by 6.1%.

As well as, Catholic marriages and funerals are in decline. Make sure to communicate your wishes with your children.

Currently, replacing windows in convent, rectory and garage.

Architect is meeting with the Village tonight.

2 principal issues: Our property is 3 separate parcels. Zoning laws require a variance when building between property lines. We could consolidate the parcel numbers or rewrite the legal description. More than 1,000 sq.ft. could create a run off problem per the Village. An updated survey will be needed. The plans blend nicely with our current building as well as the new landscaping.

Sending out bids which are approved by Archdiocese. They require union labor.

Still hopeful to break ground this summer.

Rebuilding bells which will ring at 12pm, 6pm, funerals, and two later masses.

The Hyde Park School is interested in a 5 -year lease. Approved by the Archdiocese at \$185,000/year. We have a good relationship. Park District can no longer use SPA gym but RMG Hoops rents gym in the evening. Hyde Park School rents until 4pm. Less than 50 students attend the school. High tuition allows for operation of school.

Deacon Report:

Nominating Committee to report the following dates.

Replacing:

Holly (Staff position)

John (Commission election)

Gene (general election)

1 position nominated for 3 year position, basically Gene's position

By March 30 – notices on website and in bulletin for general election

April 20 – nomination ends

April 25 – All nominees confirmed, if they agree. Limit to a 200 word biography on why they want to serve on PPC and how they will be good for PPC.

May 12 – Ballots in the mail

May 30 – return ballots

June 3 – ballots counted

June 7/8 announced in bulletin.

Installation planned for September.

Website Update: List names, photos and a common e-mail if parishioners would like to contact PPC members. The secretary would be responsible to check weekly and address the issues with all PPC members.

Human Concern information on website. Deacon Bob gets lots of questions regarding soup kitchens and other out reach programs. Mary Claps to coordinate with Geoff. Bob Snediker is willing to help out.

New Business:

Neon sign/marquee – on hold with construction.

Yearly calendar: May 13, 2008 at 7pm. Dates set by each commission, PREP sacramental dates, liturgy dates, parish life dates. Cathy Stegich will represent the PPC.

PPC Meeting Schedule

7:30pm Father Henry Room

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Tuesday, September 9, 2008 (Deacon Bob's birthday)

Tuesday, November 11, 2008 (Veteran's Day)

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

Tuesday, March 10, 2009

Tuesday, May 12, 2009

Parish wide e-mail – Cindy has PREP families e-mail list. Cost effective way to communicate. We are due for a parish census. It may be a good time to collect e-mail for entire parish. Need to create an Ad Hoc Committee to work with Madge and Geoff. Bob Snediker and John Graf volunteered.

Closing Prayer: Bob Snediker

Adjournment: At 9:58pm John made a motion to dismiss, seconded by Deacon Bob

NEXT MEETING MAY 13, 2008, 7:30PM FATHER HENRY ROOM