

September 11, 2007 PPC Meeting Minutes

Attending: Monsignor Dempsey, Deacon Bob Puhala, Bob Snediker, Holly Georgopulos, Cathy Stegich, Cindy Morales, Rima Abraham, Annemarie Gesualdo, John Graf, Mary Claps, Gene Broccolo, MJ Murnane

Opening Prayer led by Deacon Bob Puhala

July 16, 2007 minutes approved by Annemarie Gesualdo and seconded by Cathy Stegich.

Commission Reports:

Spiritual Life Commission Report by Annemarie Gesualdo

Last meeting on August 27, 2007.

Recruitment is the mantra.

Integrate young people as lectors and ushers. Recruiting 8th grade, High School & College age men and women as ushers. To date, SPA does not have any female ushers. Focus on Ministry Weekend, Sept. 14 & 15. Representatives will be at each mass as well as Annemarie will attend all masses.

4th – 8th graders are all encouraged to serve mass.

Extraordinary ministers should begin moving to the altar while singing the Lamb of God. Anna Koberda is co-chair with Dan Seeburg of lector group.

Education Commission Report by Rima Abraham

Giving Tree Program with sharing parish needs coordinating volunteer.

Holly is organizing a young adult and teen group. She is also teaching 8th grade which increase her exposure to families in our parish.

Evening of reflection for the Women's Guild is scheduled for end of Oct/Nov before the snowbirds fly south.

CAB is looking to recruit more PREP mothers.

Vacation Bible school involved 30 young students and was a success this summer.

Human Concerns Commission Report by Mary Claps

After ministry fair, new minister of care recruits will be a reason to set a date for meeting.

Respect life group with St. Norbert Parish will present "Romance without Regret" by Jason Evert, a pro-life speaker. Youth ministers will invite all young people to attend.

Holly is recruiting at Loyola Academy and New Trier High School.

Parish Life Commission Report by John Graf

Expenses covered for Oktoberfest. Hoping it is well attended.

Neighborhood Parties are set. It will help build community. PPC members should plan to attend and e-mail John with representatives from each commission that will be attending the party in your neighborhood by Oct. 10. Monsignor plans on attending all the festivities.

Before Halloween, Men's Club would like to have a Bean Bag Tourney and BBQ for members. No cost to attend.

Men's Club top three charities are Amante House, St. Benedict's the African and Mercy Home.

Need point person for St. Benedict's for more charitable involvement by the Men's Club. Denise Waltz is the Women's Guild contact for John.

Pastor Report:

The Holy Father recently returned from Austria. Monsignor distributed a copy of the prayer for new parish council members read by the Pope. It will be our opening prayer for our next PPC meeting.

The Cardinal has a board – Archdiocesan PPC

The deanery includes Skokie, Evanston, and New Trier. Each parish has one male and one female representative. The representative must be a lay person and a member of the PPC. Gene Broccolo and Cathy Stegich volunteered to represent St. Philip's.

There are classes and conferences available for PPC members.

A PPC orientation class is on Monday, October 29, 2007, from 7-10pm at a location TBA. The parish will pay for members to attend.

Parish Leadership Day is an all day conference on Saturday, February 2, 2008, from 8am to 5pm at Gurin College Prep in River Grove, IL. Lunch will be served and Cardinal George will say the closing mass.

Millennium Project updates:

Father Dunn had an architect draw plans for handicap men/women restrooms.

Monsignor had another architect revise the plans to include a 3-part plan.

1. Handicap accessible men/women restrooms
2. Meeting room (computer generated photos provided)
3. Bell tower loft (60 ft.)

Archdiocese must approve the plans and the bids. Optimistically, project to begin Spring 2008. Estimated cost \$500,000. This will be financed from our savings. There will be no specific fund raising event. Honorary donations will be acceptable.

In Oct/Nov., all windows will be replaced in the convent and rectory.

Last October, Father Henry Room flooded due to no battery back-up sump pumps. This has been corrected. The destroyed furnishings were thrown out and the Father Henry Room needs to be refurnished.

Deacon Report:

October is the month to train new servers. Two dates will be set when both Deacon Bob and Monsignor are available.

The Feast Day of St. Francis will be on October 6, 2007, at 12:30pm in the west parking lot (West of the Gym). Deacon Bob will bless all pets.

Deacon Bob thank you for the lovely opening and closing prayer.

New Business:

Commission Reports are due two weeks before the next meeting. October 30, 2007, is the deadline for the November 13, 2007, PPC meeting. Please e-mail the reports to **all** council members and **highlight** specific concerns for the Secretary's copy to include these concerns on the meeting agenda.

One week prior to the meeting, November 6, 2007, the Secretary will e-mail a copy of the agenda and prior meeting minutes.

Adjournment:

At 8:57pm Mary Claps made a motion to adjourn and Bob Snediker seconded it.

NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 13, 2007, 7:30PM, FATHER HENRY ROOM