

Minutes of the September 23, 2007
Meeting of the St. Tom's Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting was called to order at 1:08 p.m. by President Brien Dick
Opening Prayer: Father Tom Poulsen

Attendance: Fr. Dan, Fr. Jim, Fr. John, Fr. Tom, David Denis, Brien Dick, Andrea Gregory-Kreps, Lynn Johal, Barb Kerkhoff, Jennifer Kerr, Ann Kriebel, Sean Sullivan, Jon Bernhard, Ken Fussner, Kristen Gondor, Allie Jeffs, Marvin Weniger.

Guest: Keith Woeste with the Stewardship Committee

Jon Bernhard moved that the minutes from August 28 be passed. The minutes were passed.

Keith Woeste first delivered a summary of the steps the Stewardship has taken in order to gather information about the St. Thomas' committees. They obtained committee information from Candy Silver and sent out a request for information regarding the number of people involved, what the group did, and suggestions on how St. Tom's can help.

Keith said that Stewardship has begun to receive answers to their requests; however, they realized that Candy's list was not complete. Stewardship has looked to revise Candy's list, and plans to complete the surveys in the next couple of weeks.

After the completion of this information gathering, Stewardship plans to gather information about people with time and talent who are looking for involvement but are not involved. They also plan to meet these two goals this upcoming year, to identify important needs of the people that are not being satisfied, and to meet with the Student Stewardship Committee and join forces.

In response to the Stewardship's goals, Fr. Tom stressed the importance that we need to serve the people and trust that that will lead them to involvement. We should never force involvement on any of our members.

Keith then asked the Parish Council for specific, measurable goals of the YOE that the Stewardship could start planning for the YOE. Fr. Dan also stressed that these goals should set a precedent for future Parish Council work, and provide a template for them to follow.

A discussion then ensued on the goals of YOE. The idea of involvement being measured was suggested by counting amount of new people present. The idea was suggested by many people to somehow obtain contact information of new members, and make sure their involvement in the committee was something they desire.

Barb then suggested creating a repeatable ministry training session to help committee leaders understand issues faced at St. Tom's and the resources available to them. Jennifer pointed out that this would also be good to establish networking between the groups, and create a sense of accountability amongst them.

Keith then suggested developing a support system to aide the lay ministries meet the needs of the members.

Fr. Dan explained the Kitchen Kickoff Event is planned for sometime in early January. It will contain a dedication ceremony and will be held in honor of all those who were important contributors finically to the Kitchen Renovation.

The Council then split up into task forces in order to address the issues involved with the YOE. One task force dealt with structural support of the YOE, the next group dealt with the resource needs, and the last group addressed publicity & communications. Report and discussion of the findings were postponed due to the constraints on time.

Closing Prayer: Brien Dick
Meeting adjourned at 3:02 PM