

St. Mark Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes



July 7, 2009

In Attendance: Eileen Gallagher, Kim Antolini, Arthur Packard, Dennis Coleman, Lisa Strickland, Ralph Wearsch, Lizzie Espendez, KC Shinnars, Nancy Thibodeau, Chuck Chrimes, Alex Sabo, Msgr. Richard Bellow, Fr. Brad Jones, Deacon Robert Murphy, Deacon Louis Pais, and Deacon Ron Sherwood, Theresa Rouse

Excused: Tom Rider

Guests: Dennis Kazmierczak, Melinda Drury, Joe Hains

Eileen Gallagher welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with a prayer.

Finance Council Presentation: Dennis Kazmierczak reported that we will have a \$2.1M mortgage on the new church. On the budget, we met our expectations in 2009 (missed slightly by \$5,000). From a pledge perspective we also met expectation in 2009. Expenses were kept in line and each ministry met their budget guidelines. Cash flow and emergency funds remained positive. Discussion on key questions and issues associated with the budget for 2010 relative to actual operating expenses in the new church, the offertory in the new church, economic conditions, and a MACS subsidy increase of \$50,000.

Primary drivers in 2010 budget:

- Budget a 5% increase in the offertory
- Budget each Ministry @ 10% less than their original ask
- Keep other expense levels to a minimum, including salaries at zero percent growth
- Temporarily scale back our tithing commitment to 5% to ensure a positive cash flow
- Be conservative with and closely monitor our New Church expenses
- Continue to place 0.5% of offertory in Capital Reserve account

Budget will be roughly \$1.647M in 2010 vs. \$1.516M in 2009 with the largest increases coming in the MACS subsidy, electricity, heat, and supplies.

Minutes: The May 5, 2009 meeting minutes were approved.

Survey:

Theresa Rouse had the Pastoral Council take the survey. Discussion following the survey centered around the length of time associated of taking the survey - maximum time should be 10 minutes with a focus on getting people more involved in the church. We eliminated sections B and C as well as shortened section D. Section F will now be yes and no questions.

Goals and Objectives Review:

Survey (Theresa Rouse, Chuck Chrimes, Lizzie Espendez) Living Your Strengths (Dennis Coleman and Lisa Strickland), Communications (Alex Sabo, Ralph Wearsch) St. Mark Learning Center (Tom Rider, KC Shinnars, Nancy Thibodeau)

Old Business

Discussion of the Dedication:

Council Members are not going to have formal role. The reception and tour guides were discussed. Also the KofC will be directing traffic in the parking lot.

New News

Discussion of the Revision of the Constitution due to the new process of the Discernment to choose the new council members was discussed. Dennis Coleman will head this effort.

Prayerful Reflection for the 2009/2010 Year

September - Theresa Rouse

October - Alex Sabo

November - KC Shinnars

December - Ralph Wearsch

January - Eileen Gallagher

February - Nancy Thibodeau

March - Dennis Coleman

April - Arthur Packard

May - Lisa Strickland

Prayerful Reflection: The prayerful reflection was led by Lizzie Espendez.

Thank You Notes: Ralph Wearsch nominated Kevin Urban for his leadership of the Eucharistic Ministers. A thank you note will be sent to Kevin.

Msgr. Richard Bellow's closing comments - Bishop Curlin will be saying Mass on August 30th at 11:00 AM. It will also be his 82nd birthday - so we will have a cake for him following Mass. We have collected donation for 920 bricks for the Piazza. The new mass schedule will start on August 30th. The City of Charlotte will provide traffic control for Mass moving forward. Two officers will be assigned. The alarm on the church is set at 11:00 PM with the exception of Friday's due to adoration. Msgr. Bellow is working with the surrounding parishes to work on having perpetual adoration. Adoration will continue to be in the Chapel. Morning Mass schedule will continue to be at 7:00 and 9:00 AM in the new church in one of the wings. For the Family Mass (9:00 AM) - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders will come to the current worship area. Confessions will be from 3:00 - 4:00 on Saturday.

Closing Prayer: Deacon Louis led the closing prayer.