

## PPC Meeting Notes, March 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joe Rund substituting for Jacki Sorensen, Eileen Arthur, Jacob George, Jennifer Jacobi, Father Patrick, Father Tom, Alex Eros, Kristin Malavenda, Lesley Geldart, Melanie Papariella, Matt Arvin, Jeff Raker substituting for Stephen Sehr, Pablo Davila, Joan Gentry, Pam Applegate, Keith Woeste, Mary-Catherine Dube' substituting for Lori Muhlenkamp, Lorraine Rund, Charlene Meyer

ABSENT: Bernie Davila

Meeting began with Father Patrick with a reading from the Bible and then an opening prayer.

Introductions were given by council members. Alex Eros asked everyone to re-state their name, as we are all trying to get to know each other.

February minutes were reviewed. Correction to be made the word Flocknote is singular. Previous minutes showed it in error as plural. Lorraine Rund approved the minutes and Eileen Arthur approved the amended minutes.

Alex Eros briefly restated the activities from Ash Wednesday, Father Dan's reception and the hundreds of individuals that registered with St. Tom's regarding Flocknote.

Eileen Arthur talked briefly about the social concerns workshop that was held in March and indicated that face to face communication is the most effective means of communication and the bulletin is the least effective form of communication, but still effective. The season of lent is a very good time to recruit parishioners in activities. The parishioners are ready to engage further. Eileen talked about leadership (vs) doing. How do we get more people involved and engaged? Lorraine Rund, who was also at the meeting added that approximately 25 people attended this meeting and most individuals knew each other. The exchange was easy.

Alex Eros asked how the homework assignment went: Did we speak with someone new that we hadn't spoken with before either before or after mass? Did we attend a different mass? Did we sit in a different spot?

Charlene Meyer indicated that she went to the 9pm Sunday night mass and students were standing in the back it was that full.

Alex Eros indicated that he knew friends that had attended St. Tom's and they sat near his family at mass. These friends had a friend of theirs come with them, non-catholic to mass each week. The friends moved away from the STA area and yet the

friend who is non-catholic continues to attend St. Tom's. Lorraine Rund knows this person "Ken" and she indicated that he is hooked on St. Tom's and he even attended the men's MOST retreat, recently.

Eileen Arthur indicated that several people, having been through the RCIA program are wanting to become more involved in social concerns through St. Tom's but the ministry are unaware of who specifically those individuals are. Individuals interested in the social concerns ministry at STA need to contact the ministry directly.

Pablo Malavenda led the group in a brainstorming session. Excel sheet attached contains categories and ideas that were discussed.

Keith Woeste talked about focusing on "The Good News", connecting with one another, personalizing and evangelizing. Discussion questions were asked, ideas how to evangelize, what is the message we want to convey, is it programs we need to educate, leadership assistance to aid in evangelizing, but participation is needed at all levels. Some methodology may work for more than one type of person.

How would we mobilize action steps for evangelizing?

Thoughts were discussed: quality not quantity, no judgement, listen to what is being said and piggy back off what others are saying, encouragement – verbal and non-verbal and watch the non-verbals.

Father Tom closed the meeting with a closing prayer.