

PPC Meeting Notes, July 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Eileen Arthur, Alex Eros, Father Patrick, Father Michail, Chris Birkbeck substituting for Lesley Geldart, Joan Gentry, Jacob George, Jennifer Jacobi, Kristin Malavenda, Becky Dick substituting for Charlene Meyer, Lisa Hayes substituting for Lori Muhlenkamp, Lorraine Rund, Stephen Sehr, and Pam Applegate

ABSENT: Matt Arvin, Melanie Papariella, Pablo Davila, Katie Arnold, Bernie Davila, Father Tom, Jacki Sorensen, and Keith Woeste.

Meeting began at 1:00

Father Patrick opened the meeting with prayer.

Alex Eros distributed meeting agenda.

Alex asked everyone to take a few minutes and look over the June minutes and advise if any changes were needed. Three items were identified to be changed. Kristin Malavenda accepted the June minutes and Jacob George seconded the motion.

Candy Silver spoke to the counsel regarding annual giving (operational budget), planned giving, capital campaign (Fruitful Harvest, diocesan missions).

A new Fruitful Harvest /dove tail campaign begins this October 2010. Candy was asking for 100% participation on behalf of the parish counsel members. In addition Candy spoke about several needs.

- The current condition of the chiller, repairs and costs continue to be a concern. A new chiller is needed. The new chiller would allow for the church as a whole to be cooled at the same time if needed. But as good stewards the cooling will be used in areas as needed. The current chiller allows the cooling to go to one part of the building but not allowing cooling to other parts and this is difficult when there are multiple activities going on at the church at one time.
- With additional cooling utility costs will increase.
- New furniture for the rooms that have been renovated and built on the lower floor.

Our role as the parish counsel board, per Candy, is to understand the campaign completely and to accept and embrace the project. Candy asked us to help encourage increase participation in this campaign. There will be a dinner to kickoff this new fundraising in the fall, by the dioceses.

Candy asked the PPC members to help be the voice of the church. Remember that **all** funds raised during this campaign come back to STA plus more.

Father Patrick talked about the St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship at Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School which the Purdue Students have begun. The following description is taken from a previous newsletter. The scholarship covers full tuition and fees and will be granted to a student for the coming school year and is renewable for each succeeding year if qualifying criteria is maintained. Any student enrolling in the 9th grade for the upcoming school year and is identified with financial need through their application for student aid is eligible to apply for this scholarship.

The comment came up inquiring if students were part of the fundraising campaign for the Fruitful Harvest and the comment was answered by stating that students are not here for the full campaign, from the raising of the funds to having the project completed, so no they are typically not a part of the campaign. But, they are and have been involved in other campaign fundraisings ex. window replacements, high school scholarship initiative.

Regarding expanding the building of STA, the City of West Lafayette requires 30% of the property be green space. A green roof was discussed as a possibility to increase 30% green space. This may allow some of the exterior walls of STA to expand outwards. A green roof would be a relationship builder for the individuals of STA.

St. Tom's Blockbuster Weekend! Block Party –All are welcome. The weekend starts off Friday August 27th 7:30 Catholic rock musician John Angotti, Saturday August 28th 7:30 pig roast and Catholic comedian Judy McDonald, Sunday August 29th after the 11am mass parish picnic on the lawn across Marsteller Street and 7pm mass on the grass on the memorial mall.

August 19th (Thursday) – Boiler Gold Rush, STA has a table at the armory to talk with individuals and to distribute materials.

Habitat for Humanity house build will be a social activity in addition to the physical assistance given.

The three sub committees of the parish counsel broke off into separate groups to discuss their group's agenda. Each group then reported back to the group as a whole and expressed their group's interest and how they would review avenues of action within their group, gives a time table as to when their plan of action might be accomplished, and who could do the plan of action that was developed.

Communications: Groups plan of action / or intent

- 1) FAQ – Frequently asked questions. For an insert to be added to the bulletin with frequently asked questions and answers.
- 2) Website – Descriptions of all groups at STA by August 15th
- 3) Flock Note – Teach students and resident parishioners- tutorials, before classes start.

Activities:

- 1) Need a hand / Lend a hand – placed on back burner.
- 2) Block Party August 27-29th – Each activity to have at least one parish counsel member present for all activities. Lu & Tom coordinating the weekend's activities.

Marketing:

- 1) Lecture series – Invite parishioners and non-parishioners. Try to have the first meeting by October 1.

Father Michael concluded that meeting with a closing prayer.