

PPC MEETING MINUTES, OCTOBER 4, 2009

PRESENT: Jennifer Kerr, Lorraine Rund, Jacob George, David Violi, Jennifer Jacobi, Marcia Nagel (Allie Jeffs sub), Kristin Malavenda, Alex Eros, Keith Woeste, Father Dan, Father Tom, Sean Sullivan

ABSENT: Tim Zephal, Father Patrick

OPENING PRAYER: Keith Woeste

UPDATE FROM FATHER DAN:

Father Dan updated us on the Oaken Bucket challenge with IU. This is a blood drive geared toward increasing student fund raising. Father Dan is asking RPs not to participate in this fund raising initiative.

Regarding our new Pastor, Father Dan reported The Provincial was going to recommend to Bishop Higi that Father Patrick become the new Pastor of STA once Father Dan's term ends. A potential date of early January of 2010 was mentioned. Father Dan stated he would stay through approximately mid-May to aid in the transition.

Regarding the number of Dominican Priests at STA, Father Dan said the pipeline of Priests is excellent, but STA will be short handed for the next 4-8 months until another Dominican is assigned to STA.

The Hunger Hike was a success this year, with a record number of participants overall, a large number of participants from STA and on overall total of \$78,000+ was raised, also a record.

The Haiti Committee asked Father Dan for additional funding for the Hospital and he had to deny the request.

The Doctor funded by STA in Haiti may not be 'ours' for very long. He currently works 3 days per week in our sister parish in Haiti.

Father George has retired and left STA and we appreciate the time he spent with us. Father Dan reported Brother Nick was working out well and helping to engage more of the students.

Father Patrick and Candy were absent from this meeting, attending a fund raising seminar in Denver and touching base with STA/PU alumni there.

Candy is continuing to foster relations with potential large donors.

Father Dan reported no new news regarding a replacement for Bishop Higi. He also mentioned the Dominicans had been asked to leave a parish in the southwest portion of the US.

Keith asked if retired priests may become more active in the future to bridge the gap in the shortage of priests. Father Dan mentioned this is occurring, but the overall number of men joining the priesthood would be a continual issue.

Lori reported Campus Renew was progressing very well.

Zenephia proposed the possibility of RPs visiting Campus Renew meetings as a potential RP-SP link.

Target date for PPC to prep the student Sunday dinner is 12/6. PPC will be responsible for organizing the menu and prepping the food.

Other primary topic of discussion was the role of the PPC. This has been unclear over the past 12-18 months. It was recommended the new Pastor (Father Patrick) perform a SWOT analysis of the PPC to best determine how the PPC can serve and assist Father Patrick and Father Patrick in turn give the PPC direction.