

25th Anniversary Committee January 15, 2009

Attendees: Jennifer Baker, Bill Burger, Alison Griswold, Molly Kennedy, Tom and Nina McCunniff, Dr. Mike Rockers, Audrey McGovern, Maureen Schaeferl, Brad Simpson

The following items were discussed at the 1/15/09 meeting:

1) Planned Parish Picnic at Honey Horn, May 3, 2009

The Committee approved the proposal by Molly Kennedy (attached). It was proposed that the Parish subsidize (approximately \$3000) the event to ease the cost to families. Target cost would then be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child with a maximum of \$30 per family. I subsequently reviewed this with Fr. Mike and he approved contingent on the concurrence of the Parish Council. Bob Doyle and Ron Naumann surveyed the members of the PPC and they concurred. Immediate payment of \$1665 is required to secure the date with Honey Horn.

2) Mass at Crazy Crab:

The Committee also approved the planned Mass at Crazy Crab on Dec. 6, 2009. Nina McCunniff will determine with Jack Young if any Redemptorist priests with a connection to the initial Crazy Crab masses are available to attend and/or celebrate the Mass. Mike Rockers and Tom McCunniff will see if they can recover appropriate "banners" in church storage areas. Bill will work with Fr. Mike to get the necessary Diocesan approvals.

3) CCD/St. Francis School Activities:

The plan is to have students in grades 5 to 8 and high school to write essays on St. Francis in the February time frame with selected entries read at Family Masses.

4) A 25th Anniversary Web page link to the parish web page is in beta test and will be active shortly. This will include the parish history compiled by Jack Young and the Art & Architecture work of Maureen Schaeferl. It will include pictures of 25th anniversary activities and a calendar of upcoming events.

5) Outside Speakers:

- The committee decided not to pursue Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (influenced by his \$30,000 to \$50,000 speaker's fee).
- Maureen is looking into the possibility of obtaining Bishop Skylstad of Spokane, Washington, an ardent environmentalist and past President of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops sometime in November.
- Alison also proposed that a Franciscan, Fr. Stan Fortuna, known for his music and powerful preaching be invited to St. Francis. He lives in the South Bronx, NY and is serving full time in preaching the apostolate, using his gift of music to reach the heart and soul of young and old. We are considering the possibility of special masses and a concert when the new multipurpose facility is available.

6) Parish Dinner/Dance:

The timing will depend on the availability of the new multipurpose facility, which is not determined at this time.

The next meeting of the committee will be scheduled when new items or the need for decisions arise. Please continue to send me any ideas you have. Thanks.

Bill Burger

