

St. Francis-By-the-Sea Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes of the Meeting, March 23d, 2009

Present: Sr. Kathleen Kane, Peters, Timperman, Doria-Medina, Staub, Baker, Doyle, Mack, Cunniff, Naumann, Fr. Mike.

Guest: Alison Griswold

The meeting was opened with a prayer at 7PM by Sr. Kathleen

Alison began her presentation with a brief run-down on Youth Ministry at SFBTS: In all there are about 300 teens registered; attendance is variable, from a handful to 20-30. Middle-schoolers meet Wed. evenings and frequently have a weekend Service. High Schoolers meet Wed. evenings for Bible Study and not uncommonly bring along their friends, who may be “unchurched.” A near-term goal is to increase communication with the Hispanic Youth Group.

She then proceeded to “make the case” for SFBTS to develop a presence on Facebook. It is primarily utilized by the 18-35 y/o demographic, for whom it represents “social networking pages.” Her friends say “E-mail is for *old* people!” There are 175M users, and growing. The 18-24y/o’s represent 46% of that number. The 25-34y/o’s are 27% of the total, but *double in number* every 6 months. The 35-54 y/o group are only 16% of the total, but they *double* every 2 months! These are clearly the people to whom we most need to reach out.

She then explained a bit about the “Profile,” the “Fan Page” and ads, for which we would have to pay (by the “hit.”)

The concept was greeted with general enthusiasm and was referred to the Communications Committee, to work out the details and come back with a proposal...which *old* people can comprehend and approve.

The minutes of the Feb.23rd meeting were approved as presented.

Sr. Kathleen began her report with the note that Diane Hyland, Nee Boyle, has indicated her intention to resign from the Council at the end of this year (June) in order to accommodate her new lifestyle. Congratulations!

- Easter: There will be advance notice in the Bulletin and in the announcements to prepare the Parishioners for arrangements, i.e.: crowd control. They will be encouraged to use the supplementary parking. Greeters will be placed *outside* the church, so people can be directed to the Parish Ctr. When the church is full. There will be signs as well. Police are expected to help with traffic and there will be *No reserved aisles*. One seat may be reserved for a driver.

Anniversary Events: Bob reported for Maureen:

- Anniversary Picnic: May 3rd at Honey Horn. Tickets are to go on sale Apr. 27th.
- There will be no Mass at The Crazy Crab...no Diocesan approval.
- There is to be an Essay Contest in the school on the Life of St. Francis, which should help the Parish learn about him.

Fr. Mike interjected that the Bishop has confirmed and will attend the Anniversary Mass and Reception.

Ministry Leadership Reports:

- Ron reported on Evangelization: SCCs held a second Pot-Luck Celebration in February with attendance up from 56 to 70 people. The coordinators from all the groups will meet Mar.27th to “brain-storm” growth of the ministry at SFBTS. Respect Life recently held their “red envelope” campaign. 1000+ were sent to Pres. Obama. They are working with Ms. Griswold on a “Life Study” project for Middle Schoolers.
- Jamie reported on the school. Greeters made the “Take Home Tuesday” letter and so far there has been 1 response for “family greeters.”
- John Staub reported that 10 parishioners recently attended a course on CPR and AED...including some ushers. Phone

instructions have been transmitted to the ushers per last month's mtg.

- Stewardship had no new report, but John Holstein is the new Chairman and they will be brain-storming increased parishioner involvement in the Parish. There has been contact with a professional (Deacon McArdle) in this regard, and a proposal is expected. Bob Peters and Ron Naumann will meet with the Stewardship Committee regarding the Parish Survey.
- John Mack reported the Thrift Shop had grant proposals under consideration.
- Jo Timperman reported that the Women of St.F. will host on the Island the annual conference of SCCCW, with a Mass at St. F.. The meeting is dedicated to Msgr. Laughlin. The KofC and Notre Dame Women along with the Women of SF will host the Hesberg Lecture in April.
- Social Outreach...no report.

Old Business: Bob Doyle reported that a volunteer (Ron Dziekan) will head-up the arrangements for a new Photo Directory, to be done sometime in the fall.

New Business: A letter was rec'd from a parishioner asking for clarification of the color of Funeral Vestments. Fr. Mike explained that Purple, White and Black were all approved; the Mass itself is always the same and parishioner's wishes (if expressed) would ordinarily be satisfied.

Bob acknowledged the need for a Nominating Committee to seek replacements for himself, John Mack and Steve Cunniff, in addition to the part-term for Diane Hyland. Jamie Baker volunteered to chair and Ron Naumann and John Staub agreed to serve. There was general sentiment for adding another lady. Some casual suggestions were made off the cuff.

Fr. Mike concluded the meeting with a prayer.

It was only a little after 8PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Naumann, Recorder.