

MINUTES OF
September 28, 2009 PPC MEETING

Attendees: Fr. Chris, Sr. Kathleen, Ron Naumann, Kim Carr, James Baker, Maria Elena Salazar, Anna Locascio, Bob Peters, Jo Timperman, Ben Letizia, John Staub, John Markey

- 1) Opening prayer was led by Fr. Chris at 7PM
- 2) The August minutes of the PPC meeting were approved by unanimous voice vote
- 3) Guests Bob Doyle and Ron Dziekan made a presentation from the Stewardship Committee to outline the Parish Photo Directory project. The goal is to produce an updated directory, as the last one was done in 2004. A company (Lifetouch) has been contacted to take the photos and information, and produce the directory. There is NO cost to St. Francis. Mr. Dziekan noted that Lifetouch suggested a minimum of 500 parishoners should participate for the directory to be successful, as well as 30+ volunteers to facilitate registration and sign in. He requested the help of the PPC to recruit these volunteers, and offered an estimated six month timeline for the project. Ben suggested we should entertain ideas to get many more than 500 participants, as that only represents perhaps 25% of the parish. Fr. Chris asked that Mr. Dziekan research what could be done to include promotional materials for the directory in Spanish as well as English, to encourage participation from the Hispanic parishoners. The PPC motioned and approved that Mr. Dziekan move forward with the project. Also it was mentioned that a PPC representative be appointed to serve as liaison for the project. **It was also suggested that a complete print listing of parishoners (including those not participating in the photos) be included in the photo directory, but that some provision be made for those who wish to "opt out" completely for privacy reasons.**

The PPC also asked Bob Doyle to update the status of the Parish Newsletter, and why the PPC did not have the opportunity to review the content of the first issue. Bob stated that he had no knowledge of the newsletter approval process, nor the deadline date for the next issue. He said that Ron Naumann would be contacted by John Holstein (who heads up that project) to discuss the issue further.

Remarks from Fr. Mike (in absentia): I would like to clarify my position on the Newsletter. The communication committee is a subcommittee of the PPC. The PPC should approve all the article topics being recommended from the committee. The purpose of the approval is directed at assuring a balanced presentation of our parish and mission as well as our theme “discerning and nourishing vocations.” The PPC members will not be directly involved in the logistics of the newsletter nor the proofing of content of the articles. If a PPC member wants to be more involved please work within the communication committee. Let me make this clear the function of the PPC is to suggest and approve topics that provide a balanced presentation of our parish and mission. Final copy of the articles should be available for the pastor and all members of the PPC to read before being sent to printing, but the PPC should not be counted on for proofing. The topics are approved by the PPC the work of producing the articles the work of the committee and hired agency. The PPC should provide the pastor with feedback on the newsletter at PPC meetings.

4) Sr. Kathleen Report

- a) Sr. Kathleen offered that she was very thankful to the parish and happy with the gift of her new car for her 50th anniversary.
- b) Said that Mitzi Weaver had been in contact with Kim Carr of the PPC, and will stay in touch with any updates or needs.
- c) Said that her congregation was working hard in an initiative to educate leaders in communities worldwide with the skills to allow them to be more self-sustaining
- d) Shared the letter from Bp. Guglielmone in the Catholic Miscellany, and though it would be a great idea to show the Bishop the new Fine Arts building. Also suggested an art project from the school for the Bishop would be a great idea.
- e) Attended a conference of the National Council of Catholic Women in Florida, where there was tremendous attendance. It was a business convention for the group, and included the updating of their by-laws.
- f) Sr. Kathleen also reminded us of the Mass and reception in honor of Pat and Charlie Birmingham. Jamie to bring a letter of appreciation

from the PPC for the Birmingham's dedicated service to the parish RCIA program.

5) 25th Anniversary activity (Maureen Schaerfl)- No report, as Maureen was not in attendance due to her wrist surgery. Sr. Kathleen updated that the Mass to be offered by Bp. Guglielmone was on track, and all tickets were distributed.

6) Old Business- None

7) New Business

a) Discussion of new ingress/egress door policy for Mass- Fr. Chris stated that the new policy was initiated in the Liturgy Committee, in an effort to improve the liturgy- specifically to discourage people from leaving Mass early. Initially the ushers suggested the new policy should be tried for one Mass, but the committee ultimately decided to go ahead with the policy for all Masses going forward. Sr. Kathleen also stated that Fr. Mike thought that the new policy would help reduce energy costs, with less doors being opened, or staying open- as well as enhance worship.

Bob Peters suggested that the policy should be reconsidered, as very few people use the side doors anyway, but there had been a huge volume of bad response to the policy from the parishoners.

Ron said the PPC should have been involved in the research leading up to the new policy, as the duty of the PPC as directed by Fr. Mike is to research and advise.

By unanimous vote, the PPC agreed to send a request to Fr. Mike that this policy be put on hold, due to the unpopularity of the policy in the parish, until further research can be done- specifically, to look at other ways to keep people at Mass until the end.

b) Need for a PPC representative for the Facilities Committee- John Markey was appointed to represent the PPC on the Facilities Committee.

c) Other new business

Fr. Chris stated that Fr. Mike wanted to expand the visibility of the Year of the Priest in the parish. He wants to find ways to have the prayer

for discernment of vocations more accessible to the congregation. Jo Timperman said the Women of St. Francis were making prayer cards with that prayer, and that they would be saying the prayer at each of their meetings.

Fr. Chris also stated that Fr. Mike does in fact want to have the PPC review the articles for the Newsletter before publication, and that we need to find ways to enhance communication between the PPC and Stewardship and Communications committees going forward.

Maria Elena introduced Anna Locascio, who will be joining us on the PPC as an appointee to enhance communication with the Hispanic Ministry. Anna has been here at St. Francis for 1 month, and has lived in the area for the past 6 years.

Kim Carr asked that the PPC take up the issue of safety concerns on the school and parish campus, this will be added to the September meeting agenda.

8) Closing Prayer was led by Sr. Kathleen

Submitted by J Baker, Recorder