

ST. FRANCIS PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
August 28, 2006

Attendees: Steve Cunniff, Mario Dona-Medina, John Grindstaff, Sr Kathleen Kane, Nathan Klein, John Mack, Audrey McGovern, Rich Rochelle, Maria Elena Salazar, Brad Simpson, Art Tonkinson

Also in attendance: Erica Duren

- 1) In the absence of Pastor, Fr Mike, and subject to his approval of these proceedings, Art Tonkinson opened the meeting with a prayer.
- 2) Minutes from the July 24, 2006 meeting were approved for posting on the website.
- 3) **Sister Kathleen's Report:**
Introduced formation of a Poetry Reading Group with a mission of bringing together parishioners who have a common interest in poetry, who will read poetry to seniors, who are shut-ins or residing in Assisted Living facilities. Group to be posted on web site as Poetry Ministry.

Announced formation of a Marriage Anniversary Blessing – a ministry for parishioners requesting a marriage blessing during Mass to celebrate a milestone anniversary.

Reviewed plans for parish celebration of Feast of St Francis of Assisi, a week-long celebration of our patron's feast day. The International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be here on Oct 4.

- 4) **Erica Duren:**
Along with Joe Poulin, Erica Duren is forming a joint 25-35 year old single group with Holy Family for sports and social activities, spiritual outreach. Request monthly meeting space and bulletin space to promote group and its activities.
- 5) **Brad Simpson:**
There will be a Ministry Fair Planning meeting on Sept 14; a representative of each ministry has been requested to attend; PPC members are also encouraged to attend and plan for a PPC member to be at the Fair after each Mass (Steve Cunniff will be at 9 a.m. and Rich Rochelle at 7:30a.m.)

Reviewed changes in organizational chart. Had planned use of Past Faithful Navigator as representative for KofC Assembly 2280, but Rich Rochelle suggested a Trustee might be more appropriate. But all agreed that it should be Faithful Navigator Murname's decision. Rich will contact him.

Reviewed Long Range Planning goals (achieved, added and amended). PPC members asked to review goals as they pertain to their ministries.

Reviewed status reports from Bob Doyle reserving broader discussion for September meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Bereavement Group: Anne Wieland unable to attend as suggested last month but sent her proposal for “a new ministry at St. Francis to help bereaved members of our parish” with emphasis on “comfort by assisting” during the difficult first six months and a special Mass once or twice a year for those experiencing a recent loss.

Steve Cunniff noted past practice of forwarding copies of new parish registrations to PPC for welcome phone call and forwarding to ministries in which the new parishioner had expressed an interest. Questioned whether this was still being done? Audrey McGovern indicated that it has been quite some time since she has seen a new parishioner showing interest in the Women’s Group. Steve will follow-up to see what current practice is and if we want to change it.

Audrey McGovern reported that the Sisters had arrived and were happily settled in the new residence. Expressed the gratitude of the Sisters and the parish for the time, talent, goods and funds that were contributed with the help of Hal Wieland and the Thrift Shop crew, the Bubnells.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich Rochelle indicated that he had contacted all ministries relevant to Prayer & Worship to indicate his responsibility for support and communication for their particular ministries. Responses welcomed his participation and invited him to attend next meeting.

Rich communicated extensively via email with Tom Strub and in addition sat down with him for an hour. Tom is at least a participant in several ministries (designated contact for Charismatic Prayer Group, Interfaith Bible Study [on web site but not on current organizational chart], and Kairos Prison Ministry).

Although designated as a parish ministry Kairos doesn’t seem to receive any support other than cookie collection. Rich believes that if not direct budget perhaps pastor would consider a periodic collection envelope. Among the pros and cons of the discussion – “it does not serve parishioners; if it is a designated parish ministry it should receive full support of parish; would like to see full financial disclosure before recommending funds; it’s not a parish ministry”. Matter tabled for further discussion at next meeting. Rich will be attending a Kairos Workshop on September 9 and report on same at next PPC.

Tom says he has been denied space in Bulletin. Most recently scheduling of Interfaith Bible Study because it conflicted with Parish Bible Study Group. It may be that “conflict” is not the reason space was not available it may be that the Interfaith Group is no longer a parish ministry (not on chart) but they have not been informed.

Discussion ended with suggestion that we need to define which ministries are ‘volunteer ministries’ and thus define which need parish support.

Art Tonkinson closed meeting with a prayer.

ADDENDUM

Sept 25, 2006-Above Minutes approved by PPC and Fr Mike; Fr Mike established that Council meetings may be conducted as long as either he, or Fr Theo or Sr Kathleen is present.