

Meeting Minutes

Saint Theresa Parish Pastoral Council

November 30, 2005

Official Minutes

Parish Conference Room

Members attending: Fr. Chuck Kieffer, Neil Urban, Jerry McKenna, Amy Caffarello, Becky Henry, Rob Kubasko, K. Lewis, Thomas Petrola, Terez Sanguine, Joe Sotelo, Mark Skoog, Billie Young

Members absent were: Sandra Smith, Fr. Mathew Plathottam

7:05 PM - Welcome & Opening Prayer

Neil opened the meeting and Amy led the prayer.

7:06 PM - Approval of Previous Minutes

K made motion, minutes were accepted.

7:07 PM - Pastor's Report

Fr. Chuck made his annual retreat two weeks ago in Oceanside, California with the Benedictines. It was a peaceful and renewing experience. The stewardship report is being put together along with new ministry books. Both will be sent in the next parish mailing. Jubilee planning is continuing and includes a new organ evaluation. Final phase of the Vision 2000 building project is under review. With regards to the new sound system, Jerry mentioned a slight echo when approaching the front of the church which Fr. confirmed is due to the church's architecture. Billie noted it's a very cinematic experience. Becky noted it has made it easier to serve as a lector without worrying about adjustments while speaking. Neil asked if there's something that can be done on the multiple logos on the speaker grilles. Tom mentioned how earlier issues with the speakers have been improved. K added that she prefers not having the faux trees in the sanctuary and others concurred. Mark asked if the doors of the back of the church should be closed at all times. Fr. indicated that wouldn't be necessary.

Neil asked about some thoughts regarding the Vatican's recent document on clergy. Fr. clarified that document says the rules haven't really changed. If a man identifies himself as being primarily homosexual in the same way that an overtly heterosexual man might, then neither are not appropriate candidates for the priesthood. He emphasized the call for celibacy and humility as the characteristics of those seeking the priesthood and mentioned official documents are available at www.usccb.org/instruction.shtml. Additional discussion followed and Neil noted how discussions such as this are positive and constructive.

Council discussed the appropriate follow up to comments and/or questions that are addressed to members. Fr. Chuck added that while discretion is necessary, any parishioner should be encouraged to address an issue person to person and that any concern can be shared with Fr. Chuck in confidence.

7:52 - Amendments to the Council Guidelines

Neil reviewed the proposed changes to the guidelines. Now that they have been presented, they will be voted on at the next meeting. After a brief discussion, one change was added under the Vice President's duties.

8:02 - Jubilee Service Project

Amy attended the open house and reviewed the integrated services that are available at the new facility for Healthcare for the Homeless. The new facility is more than twice the size of their old facility. Sister asked for some time to meet with her staff and list the specifics of their needs. Amy reviewed four different areas of how the project will be organized.

Marketing (Various Ideas for Print Promotions)

Fundraising (Including a raffle at the Jubilee Dinner)

In-Kind Drive (Activities and materials donations.)

Volunteer Recruitment (Getting People Involved)

Amy will be getting a full request list from Sister Adele and will be working with Rob on the marketing plan for launch in January. Terez elaborated on how the needs are expansive and how an ongoing wish list can be created and promoted after the Jubilee is over on the parish web site. Amy expects the kick off to happen in January and will contact members directly to recruit subcommittee chairs and organize initial efforts. Neil mentioned the need they have for a vision lab to be installed in their facility and that it may be a good capital project for the parish. Neil shared a story on his early involvement in the facility's design regarding floor sinks for the washing of feet that emphasized the Christian connection to the the facility and its mission.

8:29 - Open Discussion

Neil spoke about a friend of his wife's whose brother is in Peru and is very sick with a rare disease that the Mayo Clinic has offered treatment for free. In order to get a visa, he needs a doctor to agree to see him. If anyone knows of a doctor Neil would appreciate it.

8:33 - Closing Prayer was given by Terez

MEETING ADJOURNED

Respectfully Submitted Rob Kubasko, Secretary