

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes from Feb. 23, 2010

Attendees: Tom Jorgensen, Sherry Solsky, Dean Strehle, Marvin Winkeler, Stacy Watson, Joan McDonough, Annette Wallace, Matt Dickey, Father Tiegs, Father Chi, and Dr. Peters

Excused; Pete Froelicher,

Not Excused: Andrew White

Meeting Minutes approved for the January meeting

Opening prayer - Marvin Winkeler

Item 1: Dr. Peters Report on the school

1. Total enrollment is 893 students - 90.7 % of capacity.
2. 39 teachers (37 full time; 2 part-time)
3. 8th grade Catholic High School Scholarships: This year: 13 out of a class of 81
4. Technology: 15 classrooms have Smart Boards.
5. Budget-Tuition – Increase of \$125.00 for 5 - day school. Mailed last week.

Item 2: Pastor's Report

1. Thanks to all who participated in our ministerial gathering!
2. Thanks to all who helped out or participated in the Trivia Night
3. The Chili Challenge, for tuition assistance, is coming up March 6th.
4. Sunday stewardship has been going very well. Approximately \$29,000 was sent to Haiti.
5. 2010-2011 tuition rates for both the 5-day school and religious education have been set and distributed. The rest of the budget preparation continues its process.
6. An archdiocesan audit will be conducted the week of March 8th.
7. First Communion is April 18th. Confirmation is May 10th, 11th, and 12th.
8. Ron Meier has agreed to chair the Rummage Sale.
9. "Wedding Season" has begun. The first of 26 weddings for 2010 is March 6th.
10. FISH groups start meeting this week. And what a great Interfaith Service we had on Mardi Gras! Thank you Sister Clarice.
11. Total 2010 -2011 Rates for the 5 - day school is \$2,275. Pre-school program - 2 days: \$1050 and 3 days: \$1300.
12. Religious Education Program – no tuition increase. Late fee of \$25 per child for late registration after July 1st. \$10 increase fee for Vacation Bible Study. No family cap on tuition.

Item 3: Stewardship Report by Tom Jorgensen

1. St. Stephen the Martyr's portion of the Feed My Sheep annual appeal reached \$120,277. Goal was \$133,000 (90.4%)
2. Total weekly Sunday Stewardship pledge amount is 3.7% over last year.
3. Christmas collection was \$106,768.
4. EFT Collections are approximately \$100,000 per month.
5. Semi Annual Report – "A Call to the Cross" has been sent to all parish households.
6. Tuition Assistance is anticipated to increase from \$40,000 to \$50,000 for 2010/2011.
7. Festival of Faith for Divine Mercy Sunday is scheduled April 11th from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.
8. The recent Ministerial Mini-Conference was reviewed.
9. The next steps in the long range planning process were discussed.

Item 3: Marvin's Report

1. Next Pastoral Council meeting is March 23rd.
2. New member elections set for April 25th. Nominations are reviewed and approved by Father Tiegs.
3. Elections for Council positions for president, vice-president and recording secretary are coming up. Need each member to consider these roles.
4. Pete scheduled to do opening and closing prayer for March meeting.
5. Next department head visitor is Mary Mcguire.

Meeting concluded with prayer led by Stacy Watson.

