

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR
Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes from January 27, 2009

Pre-meeting prayer in daily Mass chapel—by Joan McDonough

Call to order by Pres. Sherry Solsky

Attendees: Fr. Jim, Tom Jorgenson, Fr. Chi, Sherry Solsky, Marvin Winkeler, Matt Dickey, , Clarissa Suarez-Russell, Dean Strehle, Joan McDonough, and Pat Miller.

Absentees: Sarah Franco, Andrew White.

Item 1: Minutes of November 25, 2008 meeting were reviewed and approved as corrected.

Item 2: Dept. Head Presentation

Mary Maguire, Director of Religious Education, will present to the council at the Feb. meeting.

Item 3: Pastor's Report/Finance

Fr. Jim reported on the following:

- * SSM former pastor, Fr. Gerry Gonderinger, is facing a very serious cancer illness. Update reports will be shared via email as they become available. Fr. Gerry has been receiving many cards and well wishes and is remaining positive.
- Our Christmas collection was outstanding, showing great generosity, especially in these stressful times.
- Trivia Night is sold out with 42 tables booked so far. This is a much greater response than anticipated for SSM's first Trivia event.
- The Chili Challenge cook-off planning is going well and is scheduled for March 7. This will be a fund raiser ear-marked for tuition replacement income, \$20,000. The parish subsidizes both the 5 day school and the R.E. Programs.

Item 4: Executive session

A brief confidential executive session was held regarding financial concerns planning.

Item 5: Stewardship and Development Report:

Tom Jorgensen reported on the following:

- The Veritas Financial ministry is to begin @ SSM Tues. Feb 17. Twenty-five people are scheduled to be in the first sessions.
- Planned Giving [estate planning] is being emphasized.
- A phon-a-thon will be held to update the parish's data base.
- The Feed My Sheep Campaign [Archbishop's] finished up @ 74% of goal last year. We are approaching that level now.
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Item 6: 20th Anniversary Committee Report

The following sub-committees have been formed:

- Photo Directory—The Elwer's. This committee has completed the directory which will be distributed after Mass on Feb. 7,8 and Feb. 14,15 to parishioners who had pictures taken or submitted. Then directories will be available in the gathering area to anyone on succeeding weekends.
- Historical Time Line—Mary Maguire
- Commemoratives—Laura Bogue
- Sunday June 14 Procession—Connie Cinnamon
- VIP Dinner—TJ [and Sherry Solsky]
- Donor Options—TJ
- Public Relations—Andrew White
- Liturgy Comm.--Mary Elwer and Sherry Solsky
- Sunday June 14 Picnic—the Elwers
- Youth Committee—Mary Maguire and Laura Bogue
- The 20th Anniversary Committee meets the fourth Thurs evening of the month in the GPC at 5:30 PM until the final meeting June 11th. Please contact the Elwers if anyone if interested in helping out with this milestone event.
- Sunday June 14th the 20th Anniversary Celebration Mass will be at 12noon with Procession and Picnic to follow.

Item 7: Midyear Adjustment to Parish Plan

Fr. Jim's Priorities for 2008-2009 were again reviewed with a few already delineated in the executive session.

Item 8: Nomination and Voting Procedures

- * March meeting—elect President/effective May
 - sign-up to count ballots
 - place announcement notice in March 22 bulletin
- April 25/26—elect members[3]/effective May
- May Meeting—elect other officers/effective June
- Count Ballots—need two people on April 25th after Sat. 5PM Mass; on April 26 need three people during and after 10:30 Mass, to count 7:30, 9:00 and 10:30 Masses and three people after the 6:00 Mass to count noon the 6:00PM Masses. Pencils and ballots are needed for election weekend. Also, ushers will need to be notified that they collect ballots and place them in the appropriate envelope kept in a box in the Sacristy.

Item 9: Adjournment by Pres. Sherry Solsky and closing prayer by Joan McDonough