

**ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR**

**OMAHA, NEBRASKA**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**Meeting minutes from July 6, 2009**

**Attendees:** Fr. Jim, Fr. Andrew, Tom Jorgensen, Sherry Solsky, Dean Strehle, Marvin Winkeler, Stacy Watson, Pete Froelicher, Joan McDonough, and Gina Langel

**Excused:** Andrew White, Annette Wallace, and Fr. Chi

**Unexcused:** Matt Dickey

- **Meeting minutes approved for June meeting.**

**Item 1: Father Jim's Report**

Finance Council will meet next week and year end report should be complete over the next couple of weeks. Early projections show that the parish is doing well especially with the all the adjustments that were made last year.

Formal thank you for all the help and support for the 20<sup>th</sup> year anniversary celebration. The Eucharistic procession was well attended

The installation of the new archbishop will occur on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The two trustees at St. Stephens will represent our parish at the installation ceremony for Bishop George Lucas.

**Item 2: Tom Jorgensen's Report**

Stewardship Oct. 1 - Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> was 5.1% over last year at this same time. EFT (electronic fund transfer) was 687, down 7 from last month and down \$1,100 per month, however overall stewardship was \$8,483.00 over last year.

**VERITAS** Program will be offered next fall for another 6-week session.

**Two-Year Parish Plan**

1. Start to work on 5-year goals to plan the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of St. Stephens.

2. Complete a building and grounds inspection to determine when to replace the portables and adjust for additional parking.
3. Tuition for school to be raised only \$25.00 for next year.
4. Look at the general categories and brainstorm for new short and long-term goals.
5. School office to be open daily Monday thru Friday, 9 AM till 12 PM during summer.
6. New parish boundaries will extend to Highway 370.
7. Discussion of Festival of Faith and vocation outreach

**Item 3: Marvin Winkeler's Report**

1. Prayer assignments to be scheduled the month before the meeting. Next meeting will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in August (25<sup>th</sup>) and Matt Dickey will say the prayers.
2. Discussion of meeting absence guideline. Reminder for all members, according to Pastoral Council Constitution, 3 unexcused absences are grounds for leaving the Council.
3. Currently meeting attendance is strongly recommended as we work on the 5-year plan. Contact Marvin (President) for excused absence.
4. Suggestion was made for Deacon Marty to present to the council on the Adult Formation Program. Also, Dr. Peters will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Closing Prayer: Father Jim