

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM 6/3/10

Attendees: Marvin Winkeler, Tom Jorgensen, Pete Froelicher, Dean Strehle, Sherry Solsky, Trish Pickens, Leonard Kruse, Joan McDonough, Annette Wallace, and Stacy Watson

Excused: Father Tiegs, Father Andrew, Dan DeLuca, and Father Chi

Opening Prayer led by Sherry

Meeting minutes approved for the 4/27/2010 meeting.

Item 1: Father Tiegs report given by Tom Jorgensen

1. Thank you to Andrew White, Matt Dickey, and Sherry Solsky for their service the past 3 years on the council.
2. Facility Assessment report by BCDM on structural and mechanical systems at St. Stephen's will present final draft soon to Father Tiegs and Tom. A private donor is paying for the facility assessment.
3. Strategic Planning Team meeting will be June 12th from 8 A.M. till noon at Catholic Mutual Building. Mark Bonkiewicz will facilitate this process.
4. Next Pastoral Council meeting will be Aug. 24th at 6:30 P.M. Tom Jorgensen will precede the meeting with an in-service on the role of a Pastoral Council member.
5. Statistics from 2009:
 - a. Baptisms: 204
 - b. Weddings: 31
 - c. First Communion: 253
 - d. Confirmation: 250
 - e. Funerals: 25
6. Thank you to Father Chi and Father Andrew for two years of service at St. Stephen.
7. Total weekly Sunday Stewardship pledge amount is 5.2% over last year's amount. EFT collections have 705 participants.
8. Feed My Sheep annual appeal reached \$128,047.00, which is 96.2% of goal.

Item 2: Marvin's Report (President)

1. Pete Froelicher was elected to the vice president position. Dan DeLuca was elected to the recording secretary position.
2. Discussion of 5-year plan.
3. Next council meeting will be Aug 24th at 6:30 P.M.

4. Items of note: Parish enrollment has been increasing, financial giving has been growing and exceeding expectations, R.E. and 5-day school are prospering and providing continued excellence, and major fund raising efforts have set new high-water marks.

Pastoral Council Accomplishments – 2009-2010

- Attended in-service for Governance Boards and Pastoral Council (June 2009)
- Overtly supported the Parish Festival through a Council-sponsored Raffle item (August)
- Met with department heads from Adult Formation, 5-day School, Social Justice, Human Needs, Board of Education, R.E., and Youth Ministry
- Promoted attendance at Ministry Appreciation (October)
- Led Mini-Ministerial gathering (January)
- Helped promote Clergy Appreciation weekend (October)
- Participated in Divine Mercy Sunday (April)
- Made calls to welcome new parishioners (May)

Closing Prayer led by Marvin