

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR

OMAHA, NEBRASKA

PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting minutes from Sept. 22, 2009

Attendees: Tom Jorgensen, Sherry Solsky, Dean Strehle, Marvin Winkeler, Stacy Watson, Pete Froelicher, Joan McDonough, Annette Wallace, Matt Dickey , Al Zach, and Father Tiegs

Excused: Andrew White

Opening prayer by Sherry Solsky

Meeting minutes approved for the August meeting

Item 1: Al Zach, president of the Board of Education, presented the 5-year goals to the Pastoral Council.

Item 2: Father Jim's Report

1. Father Chi has returned from Africa.
2. Father Jim will be at a retreat/workshop for 8 days in France.
3. Stewardship report has been mailed to the parish members.
4. All expenses have been met for the parish with generous gifts during difficult financial times.
5. The Parish Festival was a huge success. Ron Meier will be the Special Events Coordinator for future events.
6. Parish school, activities, and the general state of the parish are doing very well.
7. Father Jim's six-year term at St. Stephen's will be complete after one more year. ArchBishop Lucas can modify the six-year time line.
8. Ministry Appreciation will be held on Oct. 24th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. All board members and volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Item 3: Tom Jorgensen's Report

1. Stewardship was up \$18,242.00 compared to last year.

2. Feed my Sheep, the Archdiocesan Appeal goal, is \$133,038.00. Last year, \$99,491.00 was contributed by approximately 12% of the parish members. Marvin Winkeler will speak at all the masses the weekend of Sept. 26th and 27th.
3. The annual financial report was mailed out Sept. 16th. The Stewardship catalogue will be updated.
4. VERITAS Program will begin Sept. 19th.
5. On October 12th an ALL SOULS mailing will be sent with the purpose of praying for specific family members.
6. Catholics Coming Home program from the Diocese is designed to have inactive Catholics return to the church and SSM participation is one of this year's Parish goals.

Item4: Marvin Winkeler's Report

1. Mini-ministerial meeting and prayer service for all parish group leaders will be set up with a subcommittee with Matt (chair), Sherry, and Joan to help plan this event. Jan. 27th is a possible date.
2. Five-year priorities and a needs' assessment will be determined with the new Buildings and Grounds Committee. Items of interest:
 - a. New Portables
 - b. N/S school entrances to the commons
 - c. Pavement, parking, and land leveling
 - d. Existing sound systems and possible new video systems
 - e. Worship Space seating renovation to add more seats
 - f. Sports club storage
 - g. Security camera system
3. Discussion of a Capital Campaign: to include an overview of the process with the purpose to have a reserve fund to handle repairs at St. Stephens as well as existing immediate needs.
4. Next meeting will be Thursday Oct. 29th at 7PM.
5. A special thank you to all the Parish Festival volunteers, especially to Judy Kirst and Cindie Maddock.
6. Oct 31st and Nov 1st will be the appreciation celebration for our clergy during Mass.
7. Next month's Pastoral Council presenters are either Sr. Clarice or Ron Meier.

Closing prayer by Sherry Solsky