

St. Augustine Parish Pastoral Council

Minutes – 10/11/2008

9:00 – 9:15 Refreshments & Fellowship (determined the need for assigned coffee duty for future meetings)

9:15 – 10:00 Reading & Reflections – led by Margaret

- Prologue from “We Walk by Faith”
- Singing “The Lord is Blessing Me” (focus on our blessings)
- Discussion of the Four Pillars
 - Word – led by Danny – focus on readings from Luke; Webster definition – expressed and manifested mind and will of God; emphasized the need to share the Word during this crisis
 - Worship – led by Alberto
 - Community – led by Oscar – One God, One Body; what can I change about myself to encourage community?; Jesus is in us all
 - Service – led by Kenny – focus on readings from James; Faith as Belief in God, Complete Trust in God, and Loyalty to God with no proof necessary; Works as something accomplished by effort, exertion or skill; moved to John and Matthew for related discussion
- Father Mike wrapped up with comments regarding Faith and Reason – “Faith seeks understanding and understanding seeks Faith”

10:00 – 10:55 Finance Council Report

- Annual Report presented during Mass 10/18 & 10/19 (Printed 10/25 & 10/26)
- On track for Building Fund – Phase II (1/3)
- Lost \$31k in investments
- 2007-2008 Loss of \$72k
- Building Fund is tax-free
- Budget with a hopeful heart – shortfall is not uncommon
- Volunteerism is key to our programs

- Several Capital Expenditures are TBD

10:55 – 11:05 Break

11:05 – 11:15 Building Committee Report (Vic)

- Narrowed to 3 architects (cost is the final deciding factor)
- Focus of plans:
 - Improve office facilities
 - Increase meeting space
 - Refocus entrance to church
 - Existing office converted to outreach facility
- On-track for architect selection
- Breaking ground 6/09 (dependent on pledge drive)

11:15 – 11:25 Census Update (Vic)

- over 1000 calls made to-date;
- minimal duplicates eliminated;
- active just shy of 1700

11:25 – 11:40 Youth Council Update (Brandon)

- low/no participation in youth events
- only council members participating (7)
- Vic to run reports to identify number of high school age parishioners
- Possible need to start younger – Brandon & Angie partnering
- Need to engage high school age to teach younger

11:40 – 11:50 Discernment Report (Vic & Alan)

- Letters prepared (109 nominations) – mailing Monday, 10/13
- Follow-up calls 2 weeks prior to discernment
- Announcement encouraging letter recipients to participate
- Constitution – 2 year terms (2 terms with one year break in service)

11:50 – 12:40 Survey Report (Vic)

PPC thoughts to be summarized for the Bishop

Results will be utilized for the PPC Retreat

Strengths:

- Welcoming family atmosphere
- Priests / Deacons – leadership; homily impact

Improvements:

- Them vs. Us
- Tradition of the Church
- Choir
- Youth Programs
- Reverence in the Sanctuary
- Outreach to elderly and sick
- Handicap access

Father Mike left us with some thoughts around positioning our parish community.

- Spanish-speaking members of the community vs. the Spanish community
- English-speaking members of the community vs. the English community

This choice of terminology will provide more comfort for other minorities.