

SAINT JOSEPH CHURCH
PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

June 7, 2009

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Attendance:	Father Ed Riley	Louise Currie
	Mammas	Tom Cummings
	Deacon John Boyle	Pat Boyle
	Duc Tre Li	Bill Farrell
	Terry Grzybinski	Yvette Richards
	Maura Burke	

Father Ed opened with prayer.

Review Prior Month's Minutes

Last meeting's minutes were accepted. It was noted that a suggestion box be put at the back of the church. A copy of the minutes should be available for parishioners. Terry will be able to upload the minutes onto the website. The website address should be on the front of the bulletin.

Updates

a. Seminarian – Mammas Habtegiorgis

Father Ed introduced Mammas. Mammas should be invited to all parish activities.

b. '09-'10 Budget

- i. Parish & School
- ii. Subcommittee Budgets

Groups should anticipate what they will be spending for 1 year. They will budget flat growth for this year. Look farther ahead.

c. School Events

- i. Graduation – Thursday, June 11th
Eighth grade graduation from St. Joseph's School
- ii. Golf Tournament, September 2009 – School Field

Will be dedicated to school field. Schools will be closing. Summer is a great time to do work.

iii. July Summer Theatre Program

Committee Updates

a. Adult Faith Formation

Alpha is starting on 6/16. The group is considering lowering the expenses and just providing desserts to try and get a handle on costs. Fireproof will be held on June 27th. The next meeting for the Men's Group will be Saturday, July 18th. They are trying to get someone to kick in for the food either breakfast or coffee and donuts. Bill sent out an email to Jim Stenson re speaking. Bill will try to contact him. Mike is coordinating emails re the meeting for the Men's Group and the Buildings & Grounds (6:30 on Thursday).

b. Buildings & Grounds

Fr. Ed and Tom will set date for meeting. Tom asked what improvements are needed for the playground. Came up with a wish list of around \$250,000. Good ideas, but lots of money. Terry asked if Tim McCabe had contacted Tom. Tom said yes. Fr. Ed said we need to think of creative ways to raise money.

c. Comprehensive Youth Formation

First event went very well. 51 students and 21 adults attended. A team of adult captains is needed for every event. Tim Gordon and John Comer did a great job. Maura needs to recruit more than be the captain. June 20th car wash. Wed. 7/8 beach outing to Wassagusett Beach 10 am – 2 pm for Middle Schoolers. Sunday 7/12 Brockton Rox with Christian band coordinated with Brookville Baptist Church. Also, a high school dance, a comedy night, and a summer movie night in the parking lot and plugging into Archdiocesan events. They also have a week-long leadership program and ultimate Frisbee. A calendar for kids will provide fun events. Need 5-8 adults for every team. Will coordinate dances with Father Lou to possibly run in summer. Need adult chaperones.

d. First Sunday Breakfasts

Should we have breakfasts in summer? Tom said we may not get as many people. We could restart in fall. Gene said he could possibly do the Men's breakfast.

e. Liturgy & Worship

Louise said they've met with 3 painters. Terry asked about prisoners. Tom said they've cut back. Louise said someone is looking into whether portable air conditioners could be moved to our church when painting is done. Air conditioning is a priority.

We tried to raise money from the Archdiocesan collection but didn't raise all the money. We must be concerned about insurance.

Future Committees

a. Communication

Duc introduced the new website using a laptop presentation. He has listed all contacts including ushers. Subcommittee members should be put on as well. Music Ministry has a page on the website. Duc wants each committee on the website. Everyone will add their own content. Duc will provide directions. Ministries such as Alpha, Fireproof, Mom's Morning Out, etc. will be listed on drop-down menu. Duc uses Google to track the number of visits to the website. Duc demonstrated how to add information to the website. Maura is sending forms info to him. Duc said the start date is when you want the information to post. Terry asked about the new logo vs. old. Father Ed said AFF should have something about what we want to communicate. Father Ed likes the school slogan but wonders if the saying is too restrictive as it doesn't include singles. Duc can add it any time. Duc wants to add a photo section of any events. Fr. Ed said St. Joseph's Catholic Church should be used for the heading because it's more universal than parish. Some people think of the church as the building. Fr. Ed asked if you could add a logo when a link is added so you could use a picture to take you to a web page. Duc said you can add this. AFF can use whatever logo they'd like. Duc will be changing the website asap.

b. Evangelization & Outreach

We should address ways we can reach different communities. Parents come Sat. before 3rd Sunday for preparation. We are an Active parish. We need ways to communicate to parents. We could hold a concert. Terry mentioned handing out free coffee at sport events with a card from St. Joseph's, but it was noted that town sport's groups may not like us giving things out for free. Maybe a portion of the money could be given to their food stand. We need to think about what else can we do? Next baptism preparation is June 20th. Give to Marilyn. Outside would be great. Musicians who live in the town could perform. A Christian concert with a free-will offering, like Brookville Baptist. In these times, people are cutting back. Brookville Baptist was going to do a carnival. We could possibly invite others to our committee meetings who might be suited for the new subcommittees. We need to keep looking for a few people to help.

c. Social

This committee would help plan bigger events. Father Ed will ask Mary Grzybinski to chair this committee.

d. Vocation Team

Still needed.

New Business

Father Ed asked about any new items of concern. Terry mentioned that she had heard people at the school complaining about the system for establishing tuition discounts. Father Ed

explained that there is no longer an in-parish/out-of-parish tuition system. The current system will be phased out and the new system will be based on financial need only. The money currently given to applicants was never funded by the parish - money was not taken from the parish for the school. You have to be registered and giving to receive a discount. If they're not giving envelopes, they're not considered as giving to the parish. This is only a \$300 discount (per child). Many who qualify, don't even apply. It is very subjective and not fair. The school has to run on its own except for the 2nd collection once a month. Father Ed asked that people be directed to talk to him if they have a concern. The church will fund major issues.

Father Ed noted that there will be a dumpster for bottles and cans on the church grounds.

Nominations

New Parish Council members will be nominated.

Future Meetings

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