

SHJ Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, February 26, 2007
Taken by Sheryl Gardon

Attendance:

Neil Schiffhauer, Father Bill, Magdalena Harrach, David Van Bussum, Denise Roberts
Jan Altevogt, Brenda Lombardi, Marie Raikes, Sheryl Gardon, Betty Hoover, Irine Bigot, Mark
Evevard, Harold Wolfe, Michelle Anderson

Neil called the meeting to order at 8:10am

1. Opening Prayer—led by Father Bill

2. Approval of January minutes

3. Mayfair Update-Marie Raikes

- Discussion on whether or not to include the front pew for Christmas Mass as a live auction item, the consensus was to eliminate the front pew but increase parking space to two instead of one
- The Fall Feast with the Priests will again be offered as an auction item
- All of the liquor will be donated this year
- We will be offering different levels of sponsorship (\$2500; \$1500; \$1000) and those that wish to donate will have a banner hung acknowledging the donation
- The theme is “Denim and Diamonds” and the menu will be a BBQ from KT’s, they will not be able to donate the food, but will give it to us at cost.
- We are looking for donations for the appetizers
- Tickets will be \$35.00 each and there will be reserved tables again
- Cocktails will be in the cafeteria instead of outside in an effort to cut the costs; options are being discussed on how we can move people upstairs to the gym when it is time for dinner...a cow bell or ringing a triangle along with dimming the lights and closing the bar 15 minutes before dinner is to start
- Looking at different ways to regroup the class projects
- The auction will start at 8:30pm
- Free tickets will be offered to those people who have purchased \$2000.00 in script since November

4. School Updates-Jan Altevogt

- 7 new students have started in the last 3 weeks with another 2nd Grader to start next week
- There will be 2 3rd grade classes next year
- Parents in Prayer is meeting two times a week during Lent on Tuesday and Friday mornings in the Middle School Teachers Lounge for special intentions for the school and its leaders
- The 7th Grade will be going on a retreat this week
- There will be Reconciliation on Tuesday 3/6 from 9am-12pm for the students
- Report cards will be out next week
- Registration for next year is in progress...papers went out to families of currently enrolled students last week
- Anticipate that the Kindergarten classes will be full next year
- Looking into offering Spanish to Pre-K through 5th grade next year, there is a parent who is willing to teach two days a week
- We were disqualified from the Blue Ribbon School competition due to an inaccurate disclaimer on test scores, however, we will reapply next year
- Brenda Lombardi spoke on having the Sisters of Reparation to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus come to the school on Monday, March 12th. The plan is to attend mass at 7:00am and then breakfast in Jubilee Hall at 7:30. The Sisters will then say a Divine Mercy Chaplet have a discussion with the 5th through 8th Grades.
- David Van Bussum announced that the JV Girls Basketball team won the all city league championship last weekend; the Varsity Boys took 2nd and the Varsity Girls took 3rd place. All in all, it was a very successful season for our athletes.
- Discussion on adding another page to the weekly bulletin at mass; there is a disconnect between the Parish and the School, and given the school is our main ministry, we need consistent space in the church bulletin; communication is the key which was proven by the success of Taste of SHJ; Dave and Harold will get together to make it happen.
- Linda Schiffhauer should be included with everything that goes into the bulletin so that she can have it available on the website
- Good things have been said about the website and we have had 7 new registrations online

5. Finance-Harold Wolfe

- Money in the offering continues to go down, even with having a tight reign on the expenses. We are approximately \$46,000 behind the giving from last year. Before December, we were ahead and checks were coming in the mail from people that missed mass, but that doesn't seem to be happening any more.
- Money from the school has evened out with the automatic withdrawal and has helped to maintain a steady income each month
- We need to push for auto withdrawal for the offering; currently it is monthly, but would be willing to go to weekly if necessary
- Father Bill asked if there was any feedback since the Finance Report went out to the parishioners and Harold responded that there were neither positive nor negative comments made, which will be taken as a good sign. The plan is to have the report sent out yearly.

6. Taste of SHJ Recap-Dave Van Bussum

- The turn out was great and the net-net cost was zero to the Parish. There was plenty of food and fun with a good mix of school and parish participation. There were well over 500 people in attendance and the comment was made that it felt like the "old days" The set up and break down went very smoothly taking approximately 2 hours each
- Frank Bruno attended and we also received a front page article in the Daily Camera the next morning
- There were approximately 120 sign ups for volunteers and Dave requested some direction on how to process them...Denise said to get them to the Parish Office and they will distribute where they need to go; also, we are attempting to build a distribution list
- It was also felt that there should be some sort of gathering in the fall as well

7. Ministry Updates

- Denise:
 - Marriage prep is up after February 14th, which is typical
 - Funerals have been up as well
 - Stations of Peace will be this Friday, March 2
 - Sisters of Reparation are coming
- Michelle
 - Father Terry's workshops and retreats have been quite successful
 - The fish fry this past Friday was well attended, with approximately 185 people; thank you to the Maggio Family that donated the spices for the evening
 - RCIA is having the Rite of Election at the Cathedral this weekend

- Mark:
 - There will be a confirmation retreat in 2 weeks; we have 70 kids from our Parish being confirmed
 - Pure by Choice is coming up
 - Franciscan Players had a good turn out for the Stations this past week, approximately 100 people attended with a good mix of young and old
 - Boy Scouts have 5 boys working toward becoming an Eagle Scout, Justin Smithcamp would like to paint Jubilee Hall-it was mentioned that there are many church historical items in storage which could be used around Jubilee Hall
 - There will be 7-8 young adults traveling to Australia in 2008 for World Youth Day
 - There were 11 young men that attended the Discernment weekend, 3 of which were from SHJ
 - The student council is looking into having a Deanery School Dance, hosted by SHJ. The council will be working with student councils of the other schools to organize; chaperones will be needed; the plan is to include current the current 5th Grade as well
- Magdalena:
 - Things seem to be moving along, stations, retreats, marriage prep, weddings and funerals
 - Mass attendance is good
 - There was a good turn out for Ash Wednesday
- Irene Bigot:
 - The Senior Potlucks continue to go strong with a slight decrease in attendance; lunches are held once a month and a speaker is usually scheduled
 - Looking for a possible name change to make it enticing for people 55 and over

8. Satellite Preschool-Jan Altevogt

- We currently do not have enough room for everyone that wants to come and are exploring options of reconfiguring the after school room
- Shaye will check with the State to see if we could excavate and hook up with the kitchen as an alternate exit
- If we don't figure something out, we could lose up to 30 students as parents want "one stop shopping" when dropping off their children
- If the exit is ok as is, we can create another room in the current after school room and the possibility of using a portable was also being looked into
- Shaye is looking at having a 2 yr old room, 3 year old room, a Pre-K room and Jr. Kindergarten room
- We have built up some momentum and we don't want to lose it
- The Satellite school plan is to have two different locations: one in the Gunbarrel area and another to service the lower income families
- The office of Catholic Schools is in favor of the satellite program
- There is to be a review committee formed consisting of Shaye, a building committee member (Father Bill to appoint), Cindy Gibbs (Parish council member), a Hispanic representative (Magdalena to suggest), a finance committee member (Father Bill to appoint), Melissa Haapala as a member at large and a marketing committee member (Dave Van Bussum to suggest)
- A suggestion was made to investigate whether or not we could use the current Mayfair storage room and place the Mayfair items currently in that room in another storage unit such as a PODS; we will need to check with Phil Simpson regarding ventilation issues

9. Building Committee-Phil Simpson

- The building committee is moving forward and has been in contact with the architects and the current priorities are: 1) upgrade the church liturgical area; 2) concentrate on the grounds; and 3) maintenance
- We have received the model back which appears simple and straightforward
- The fundraising should begin again, as we run short of funds to do all 3
- The plan needs to be presented to the Parish within 30 days, possibly after masses, during the coffee and donuts
- We still need a new chiller, which is estimated to cost around \$50,000
- Jan and Father Bill will be visiting Casey and see what their plans are and how we might be able to benefit from their building project; it was recommended that we ask if the parking lot and fields could be moved closer to SHJ-we could use the parking on Sundays and the fields for PE classes, etc. It was thought that it will be a difficult sell to the Boulder Historical Society; Father Bill inquired on how/what we could offer the students of Casey and it was brought up that we could possibly partner on academics like was done many years ago

10. Other

- Neil announced that Melissa Haapala had her baby-a boy William Henry and all was well
- A new starting time for our meetings was discussed as Phil Simpson has work commitments and will not be able to attend; however, Phil will find another representative from the building committee to attend the parish council meetings
- Father Bill expressed concern with attendance at mass and giving being down here and as well as nationwide, along with Spirit of Peace moving to Niwot this summer, what would happen to our attendance then
- Brenda Lombardi was introduced as the newest member of the parish council and she recommended that we get back to basics with adoration, prayer, etc. and that we need to toe the line being faithful Catholics
- There was some discussion on whether or not we should re-register members each year, or since we have some momentum going, do we just see how it plays out and stay on course-no real action was taken

11. Closing Prayer-Father Bill

Meeting adjourned at 9:50am