

SHJ Pastoral Council Minutes
Monday, July 23, 2007
Taken by Cindy Gibbs

Attendance: Neil Schiffhauer, Sheryl Gardon, Jan Altevogt, Denise Roberts, Cindy Gibbs, Father Bill, Magdalena Hexval

1. Opening Prayer – led by Father Bill at 8:14am

2. Approval of June Meeting Minutes

3. Building Committee Update – Father Bill

During the excavation for the school modifications, a badly deteriorated gas pipe was found and had to be replaced and the foundation buttresses were a surprise that caused significant other problems. Both have been impacts on the schedule. Inside, the new office has been framed, walls are up and it is being painted now. Everything is being done in order to make the school opening date of August 20.

The Reredos is up this week, the cross is going up this week and the etched glass center pieces will go up next. The new alter and ambo are also coming in this week. The new tabernacle will be here by fall, and the new corpus will be here by Holy Week. The corpus, alter and ambo have been donated by parish families. Several people are donating time and materials for all of these things. A closed circuit TV system will be installed for the cry room.

We're doing a "pay as you go" approach. Collections are lower than last summer, which are lower than the collections the year before that.

4. Finance Update – Harold was unable to attend

5. School Update – Jan Altevogt

As of last week we have 330 students enrolled (308 last year).

6. Ministry Updates

Denise:

It's been a really busy summer; we moved some things in the Sanctuary, new placement of the musicians, new wiring, new alter, new ambo and the new Reredos.

All the Masses are about even and the 10:30 Mass seems to be the most full.

We are going to keep the same schedule for the fall; people seem to be more active in the Mass; we would probably make the 10:30 Mass the Family Mass.

Michelle already has five new people for RCIA. Baptisms are sky rocketing, there were 20 on Saturday. We have been doing registrations on line and in other ways. When someone registers, a welcome letter goes out from Father Bill. There are questions within the registration about school age children, volunteering, etc. Since January there have been 50 new registrations.

Magdalena:

The Spanish section of the parish website still has old Mass schedule. Father Bill pointed out that our parish is probably 40% Hispanic. The Hispanic parishioners by tradition don't tithe, but they tend to give more for special occasions, but it's to the priest, not the church. Denise suggested telling people to make a donation to the church for these events, for English speaking parishioners as well.

It's been very busy overall in the Hispanic Ministry and registration has begun for the CCD program.

Father Bill:

The Arch Bishop will decide which parish will do a Latin Mass (authorized by the Vatican). The Latin Mass is considered an extraordinary Mass.

7. Marketing Committee Updates – Dave Van Bussum couldn't attend

8. Archbishop Visit Update – Brenda Lombardi couldn't attend

9. Other

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be Monday, August 27 at 8:00 In Jubilee Hall.

10. Closing Prayer – led by Father Bill

Meeting adjourned at 9:01am