

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
September 5, 2006

PRESENT: Bill Buholzer, Father Pat Cecil, Father Ron Lewandowski, Joan Zupec
ABSENT: Suzanne Holzhauser, Megan Gibbons, Bob Balistreri, Dave Wagner, John Janssen, Bill Powers, John Stephens, Paul David

John Stephens was unable to attend until later in the meeting, therefore the meeting was opened by Bill Buholzer at 7:10PM.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Since we had overlooked inviting the **new DRE**, Melody Devine, Father Ron will ask her to attend the next meeting.
2. Bill Buholzer will invite Chris Kunzeman to also attend the next meeting, as this couldn't be arranged last Spring. She will review the **2006-2007 budget** with us.
3. Father Ron reported that Megan had gone to college and Suzanne had moved to Milwaukee; they will have to be replaced. Father Ron will speak to several other members who may not wish to continue. To save valuable time it was decided that we ask **EACH member** (through the minutes) to submit a name of **someone who would be an appropriate person for the Council. The name should be given to Father Ron so that he can approach the individual BEFORE the next meeting.** We may have to reassign the Commissions if any of the departed members were assigned to those Commissions.
4. Father Ron will contact Suzanne Holzhauser to find out the name of the individual she had found to take over the **Parish Photo Directory Project.**
5. Bill said that there has been a \$75,000 increase in contributions in the past 7 months so the many hours that he and Suzanne and Chris had put into the **Planned Offering Program** have paid off. However, he added that July and August always show a decrease. It is hoped donations will now resume.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Father Pat's Report: a section of the ceiling in the old church came down sometime after the 8:30AM Labor Day Mass.** Although the damage has not yet been inspected by the proper people, a perfunctory examination revealed that the fallen material was not wet. However, one of the four fire sensors was in the debris. After the old church fire, only the apse ceiling, not the nave ceiling, had been replaced. Father Ron said that at one time he was on an Inspection Team at St Mary's and he used binoculars to examine the roofs and ceilings. He suggested that a similar group could be established here to periodically check the various buildings of the Parish Plant.
2. The **school** has 596 students; **preschool** has 111; **SRE** is still registering children.
3. **Life Nights** begin on September 10.
4. Jeremy Carter is beginning **deaconate formation**; another man has begun the **Aspirancy Program** (to determine if he chooses to continue with deaconate formation).
5. The Diocese owns 40 acres near the corner of 45 & 173 which will be studied as to its feasibility as a **new parish.** The project will be headed by Father Jamnicky.
6. **Faith Magazine** will be sent to all parish families 6 times a year. There will be 3 pages of ads and 4 pages of parish news.
7. **Father Joe Uhen** of Piura, Peru will speak at all masses on September 16/17.

8. The Light of the World Retreat begins Friday, October 6 and ends Monday evening. It differs from other Retreats in that participants go home at night. As many as 50 can attend.

9. **Confirmation** is November 4.

10. One of our parishioners has a sizeable **statue of St Patrick** from a closed church in Wisconsin. It is not an outside statue so a place would have to be found inside. Father Pat wants to ask the parishioner if he would object to Father Joe Uhen having it for the St Patrick Church that he serves.

John Stephens arrived near the end of the meeting and was given an overview by Bill of our discussions.

We concluded with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jim Zupac". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".