

PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

March 24, 2010 @ 6:00pm
Sacred Heart Parish Office

Attendance (those present in bold):

Fr. Ken Ramon-Landry	Pastor
Dave Becket	Member
Jean Beckett	Ex-Officio: Director of Religious Education
Larry Bellipanni	Member
Greg Brust	Member
Kay Bucciantini	Member: President
David Burckel	Member: Secretary
Sean Fink	Member
Vicki Flanagan	Ex-Officio: School Vice-Principal
Sally Hughes	Vice President
Joshua Hyde	Member
Sandy Kinnan	Ex-Officio:
Claudette Landrum	Ex-Officio: Church Secretary
Lynn Landrum	Ex-Officio:
Bruce Launey	Member
Javier Marroquin	Member
Lorena Marroquin	Member
Brian McCrory	Ex-Officio: School Principal
Ryan Meyers	Ex-Officio: Youth Ministry
Cherice Nobles	Member
Rafael Sanchez	Ex-Officio:
Beth Taylor	Member
Dave Ware	Member

Guests:

Conner Flanagan
Pedro Calderon
Mary Beth Wolverton
Paul Moreno
John Chandler
Chandler Nowell

- I. Opening Prayer:
 - The prayer for the gathering of the Pastoral Council was led by Dave Beckett.
- II. Approval of Agenda:
 - There were no changes or corrections. Approval was by acclamation.

III. Pastor's Comments:

- Pine Street property: Currently, Sacred Heart School has 390 families and 606 students. Fr. Ken stated 429 families and 690 students are the school goals. He asked that everyone pray for a resolution of all outstanding issues to bring the project to completion.
- Jackson diocesan seminarian, Michael Marascalco, will be working at Sacred Heart for a period of time.
- A priest from India is available to serve Sacred Heart as an Assistant Pastor. Fr. Ken will continue to investigate.
- St Fabian: the property on Cole Road is available for approximately \$700,000. A \$10,000 deposit has been applied to the future purchase of the property predicated on the sale of the property on Hwy 589.

IV. Approval of Previous Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes:

- Dave Ware motioned to approve the February Pastoral Council minutes as written and Dave Beckett seconded. All voted in favor.

V. Approval of Ministry Committee Minutes:

- Dave Ware moved for approval of the Committee Minutes as written and Beth Taylor seconded. Approval was unanimous.

VI. Old Business:

- Sally Hughes facilities report: two new holy water founts were installed, and work has begun on cleaning and organizing the storage building.
- Larry Bellipani did not attend the meeting but submitted an email report on the seafood Jamboree (see below).
- Brian McCrory's Sacred Heart School report:
 - An ad campaign for student recruitment will begin that includes billboards, letters, website content, and emails.
 - A meeting is scheduled with the Downtown Historical Society to coordinate efforts regarding the Pine Street property.
 - Significant awards for the school was announced including: Mock Trial wins state title 2nd year in a row; Ashli Fitzpatrick wins MHSSA Linda Callahan Scholar Athlete Award; Mary Beth Wolverton wins Forrest County Junior Miss; Elizabeth Rust is named national merit Finalist.

VII. New Business:

- Jean Beckett Parish Mission report: well received by the parish; hospitality was good and contributed to community spirit; sales of literature and religious items went well; 16 children were sponsored through the Christian Foundation for Children and Aging; will evaluate suggestions received for the next Parish Mission. The question was asked as to whether a four night program was good or should a three night program be considered. It was noted that four nights gave everyone flexibility to make some of the nights if schedules did not allow for full attendance.
- Justin Clements report: no evaluation report at this time.
- Hispanic Mission report: two priests presented for two nights. The first night, 36 attended; 42 attended the second evening. The general feedback was positive and it was noted that the annual mission continues to grow.

- Fr. Ken made a personal invitation for all those present to attend Holy Week Masses and services. He also encouraged council members to personally invite others.
- Nominating committee: the current slate of officers, Kay Bucciantini, Sally Hughes and David Burckel will serve on this committee. Josh Hyde and Ryan Meyers also volunteered to serve. Greg Brust, Sean Fink and Josh Hyde will rotate off the committee at the conclusion of this term.

VIII. Open Discussion:

- A suggestion to reconsider selling script cards after Masses will be evaluated.
- Fr. Ken will submit the idea of relocating the hand sanitizing station to the Liturgical Committee for consideration.
- Jean Beckett handed out a “Golden Counsels” booklet.

IX. Next Meeting:

- April 21st, 2010 @ 6pm.

X. Closing Prayer:

- The closing prayer was led by Jean Beckett.

XI. Adjournment:

- Kay Bucciantini adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Burckel, Secretary

Approved:

Fr. Ken Ramon-Landry, Pastor

Kay Bucciantini, President

Larry Bellipani email received on March 22, 2010:

I am sorry, that I will not be able to attend this Wednesday night's meeting, but wanted to send in my report.

Attached you will find a PDF file that is a preliminary Volunteer List for next fall's Seafood Festival. I feel it is important that we designate a weekend as soon after Easter as possible to make the announcement in church and pass out the volunteer list so that we can start building our volunteer list.

Some other notes:

- 1) I think as soon as we can, we need to find a non-school related person to be one of the co-chairs of the Seafood Festival. If we want this event to succeed as a Parish event, we have to change the thinking of this is a school event to raise money for the school, into this is a Sacred Heart Parish to help raise money for the school. Our eventual goal is to raise the required amount for the school and then have some money that can be used in the Parish. We want to draw on knowledge from the past, but at the same time we don't want to get ourselves into a well this is the way we used to do it situation either. Having not done this event gives us the opportunity to learn as we go and grow the festival a little each year. While there are so many things we can do, I believe it is best to limit and guarantee success and build from there. If any of you attended Saturday's Irish-Italian Festival, that is a far cry from where it started 9 years ago.
- 2) I added an international foods category, hopefully this can draw on the ethnic diversity we have in our parish. I know at the St Paul's Seafood Festival on the coast Egg Rolls and Skewered chicken and shrimp are big sellers from the Vietnamese (sp) community.
- 3) Speaking of the St Paul's Seafood festival, I would urge the main committee members to make plans the last weekend in May or the first in June to attend this festival in Pass Christian, MS. This can give us some ideas on where we may want the festival to go.
- 4) Sporting Event - In the old days of the festival, the 3 on 3 Basketball tournament used to be a popular event and nice money maker. 5K Walk/Runs are also popular. I would recommend we pick one and go with it. We are looking at the possibility of scheduling a home football game that night and calling it the "Seafood Festival Classic"
- 5) Finally Hype, Hype, and more Hype. We want to get the Parish and School excited about the return of this event. I recommend a press conference to announce its return. I think a good theme, might be "Back to The Future". We also want to pull in our entire church community in the event regardless of age. There will be plenty of opportunities for all our parishioners to donate at least an hour of time and I think they appreciate doing this.

Again sorry, I will not be able to make it. If you have any questions please feel free to e-mail or call me. Dave I also apologize for any spelling or grammar errors, its hard to type all this while driving (just kidding).

Thanks

Larry