

Parish Council – 15 September 2011

Opening Prayer

Opening Notes: Ruth has asked to be removed from the PC, Stephanie will remain staff representative and will continue to take minutes

1. Worship Commission
 - a. Time & Talent: will solicit volunteers during mass this year
 - b. New Missal: switch will occur First Sunday of Advent
 - c. October: we will have official October counts (# receiving communion, attendance) this year, as per diocesan policy
 - d. Cry Room: replace panels in wood doors to vestibule with plexi-glass to create a feeling of a “cry room” for parents
 - e. Christmas: one mass on Christmas Day (10am), the evening masses on Christmas Eve (7pm and Midnight)
 - f. Penance Service: Fr. Bob will talk with fellow clergy to schedule a penance service in Advent
 - g. Spanish Liturgy: SJB has asked SLC to help with an additional, regular Spanish mass for the growing Hispanic population
 - h. Latin Mass: Father is considering adding a Latin mass as well, perhaps during Lent
 - i. Ushers: revisiting the idea of having a “head usher”
2. Finance Council
 - a. End of year Financial Report: delays due to problems with diocesan information. Will complete when available.
 - b. Staff changes: have reduced # of staff members due to lack of funding, reassigning some tasks
 - c. Giving: online giving is up slightly. Need to continue to encourage others to participate.
3. Membership increase
 - a. 242 new families (since merger)
 - b. Membership drive was highly successful, consider doing it every 6 months and decided upon at least one more.
 - c. October 15/16 set as fall membership drive
4. Time & Talent
5. Religious Formation
 - a. Paid intern helped with religious formation last year; his position has been cut this year to save parish resources.
 - b. Fr. Bob will be directly responsible for oversight of K-6 religious formation this year, Adam is responsible for confirmation prep program and high school youth group as well as some young adult ministry
6. Catholic Urban Project

- a. Just finished second summer – huge success in Ypsi and beyond – 2nd site, more missionaries, more outreach, etc.
 - b. Flint: particular success was Monday night prayer at St. Mike's, that grew every week
 - c. CUP needs to eventually become its own institution – next week CUP advisory board will have an all-day strategic planning session to focus on growth, etc.
 - d. Fr. Bob accepted her resignation, and Rachel is leaving SJB at end of Sept. to pursue other personal opportunities; may continue working with CUP in the near future in some capacity.
 - e. Father and CUP advisory board considering how to move forward: recruit new director / director(s), etc.
7. Schola Artium
- a. Summer program was a great success: 25 children participated this summer
 - b. Program has been extended into the school year – Stephanie is now $\frac{3}{4}$ time Schola, and $\frac{1}{4}$ Administration
 - c. Over 20 children participating this fall
 - d. Fundraising is underway to pay for the program apart from the parish finances – as with Catholic Urban Project
8. Sunday Adoration & Spaghetti Dinner
- a. Adoration attendance #'s on Sunday evening are very good
 - b. 3rd year: 70 were in attendance at the first week's dinner
 - c. Need more volunteers to help run the weekly dinner
9. Other business
- a. Hospitality committee has been suggested: host a dinner for new parishioners / parishioner families, etc. - parish council will consider this committee at the next meeting
 - b. Casino night: postponed due to problems with the gambling license, as well as lack of interest