



Saint William  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes

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### October 1, 2011

The meeting began at 9:35

#### Opening Prayer

#### Minutes & Roll

Duncan, Tina, Fr. Dean, Allen, Martina, George, Renee, Craig, Hector, Lucy, Armando, Cristobal, Leti, Andy

#### Pastor's Report

Fr. Dean provided an update as a follow-up to the retreat.

- Playground - a question was asked about opening the playground for use by the parish during events and/or after Mass - was designed for children up to the age of 5. Without supervision, there is a concern that older children may cause damage to the playground. Discussion ensued around other possibilities of raising funds for another "open" playground, the possibility of adding some benches or picnic tables to provide a gathering place on the grounds. Some ideas for locations for recreation areas was discussed as well.
- Finance Council - Fr. Dean asked if the council knew someone in the banking industry who may be interested in helping with the Finance Committee.
- Youth Programs - Chris Bartlett is maintaining approximately 300 students in the high school RE program. Leticia commented that the kids at high school are actively discussing the St. William youth program, inviting others, Catholic and non-Catholic alike. The program has spurred conversation among the youth around their purpose and future. The council discussed the possibility of finding a new location for the youth program that might accommodate a larger number.
- Other Programs - the council discussed the need and opportunity for a program for those out of school, but not ready for Adult Faith Formation or RCIA. There are similar programs in the WilCoYA and Theology on Tap. Cristobal identified space challenges for the WilCoYA program.
- Facility Expansion - the council discussed additional expansion opportunities for both classroom and meeting space. In addition, the office staff is beginning to fill out the existing office space. There is a possibility of moving the educational staff to the education building once that is completed. There has been a transformational impact across all parish ministry and programs. This is both exciting and challenging, however the efforts of the ministries and staff are rapidly producing results. The council also discussed other local venues that may be for sale or lease.
- Visual & Physical Changes - Fr. Dean commented on the very nice designs for the youth t-shirts and banners designed by Cristobal. Making some changes to the buildings to enhance the engagement, usefulness, and design. Fr. Jonathan's brother is an architect and has shared some ideas on how to enhance the physical structure. A presentation will be made to the Building and Grounds committee on Tuesday, October 4th.

#### Old Business

- November Meeting - all future Pastoral Council meetings will be open to the parish. A bulletin announcement will be made along with a pulpit announcement on October 30th. The next meeting will be in the office kitchen, however due to space concerns, future meetings may be held in a double classroom in the RE building.
- Name Badges - not complete

- Ministry Booklets - completed. The results are impressive. 1,000 booklets were printed, however concerns were raised that we need to print several thousand more. In addition, we discussed the need to have both digital and mobile forms of the content. Some of the members will meet to discuss the opportunities. Fr. Dean asked if we could include an advertisement space to possibly offset the cost of printing additional booklets.
- St. William Neighborhood Group - a lively discussion ensued around possible issues in censoring content and/or topics within the group. The council discussed the pros & cons of moderating the group topics. Although the group is still private, there are just over 100 members. The council agreed that there is an ebb & flow to each group and that it must be guided by each issue.

### **New Business**

- Bylaws - Martina has updated the bylaws to reflect our new meeting schedule and timeframes. The entire council signed the document approving the changes.
- Inviting Anna-Christina and Tino Hernandez to the November Meeting - Tino will be asked to speak about his efforts, successes, and ideas on growing volunteerism based on his success with Annie's Way, Just Because, and the Medical Missions
- Retreat Goal Setting - the council discussed the next steps from the retreat. We ended the retreat with great momentum, however the council feels that we need to clearly articulate measurable goals to be accomplished throughout the upcoming year. Duncan was made chair of a committee to identify 3 core pillars of focus for the upcoming year. Also on the committee are Leticia, Armando, and Hector. The committee will meet to discuss and identify the primary objectives and then present these to Fr. Dean for confirmation and approval.
- Website Updates - Cristobal, George, and Tom Bernhard will meet with Fr. Dean to discuss opportunities and ideas to enhance the organization, content, and design of the website.
- New Member Breakfast - October 9th (2nd Sunday of the month)
- Fr. Rocky and Drew Mariani are coming to the parish on April 18th & 19th 2012. Martina will be meeting with Louis Pekar to learn from the activities around the Matthew Kelly event to learn from their process.
- Statues have been ordered for the higher niches. There will not be statues in the lower niches due to concerns around vandalism.
- The 5th anniversary event will be held on Nov 18 & 19 with a free concert to kick off the event.
- Updates on the Sound System - work should have been completed by Sept. 28th. The team is still tuning the system, however we believe everything should be working much better and close to completion.

### **Closing Prayer**

The meeting concluded at 11:30