

St. Saviour Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes for 3/6/2012

Attendees:

Fr. Danny Murphy, Sr. Valeria Belanger, Sandy Maskell, Geri-Anne O'Beirne, Regina Ryan, Charlie Piggot, Cyndi Ramirez, Kathleen Griffin-Kluger, Pat Alberto, Maura Lorenzen, Gilliann Winn

Welcome and Opening Prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Social Justice Committee at St. Boniface:

- Group meets every 3rd Sunday from 10-11am
- Focus areas are on job fairs, prison ministries, women's employment issues
- Visit their website at www.oratory-church.org

St. Saviour Youth Adult Group:

- Group meets every other Wednesday; focus is on discussing the scripture for the following Sunday

St. Saviour Academy Update:

- Pat shared with us the Board of Directors meeting with the Diocese, where they got an overview of the Academy process
- 11 members have been proposed for the Board and they will go through a series of meetings following the receipt of a School Charter (pending)

St. Saviour Parish update:

- March 21: Patrick Turner will return from the Diocesan and provide the PPC and Finance Committee with an update on what is needed in terms of setting annual strategic goals/objectives

NEW BUSINESS

Lenten Preparations

We discussed ways in which we can deepen our engagement with our 'cluster' parishes:

- St. Augustine: covering Social Justice issues over a series of Monday's during Lent.

- Xavier Company's presentation of "A Greater Love" (a Lenten play) is confirmed for March 30.
- Aiden Seager (and family) update

The focus of this meeting was on the Parish goals in the area of Worship. Regina led the reflection and discussion.

Observations & Reflections

- Strengths in the Parish include that we are open, inviting and welcoming to those who are seeking to worship
- How do we spread God and Love? It starts with community outreach
- We adapt to the community's needs: family mass, jazz mass. We meet people where they are.
- The changes to the language at mass: how are we doing?

Discussion

- Are we perceived as open and active to the community?
- Can we do more to help continue to support parishioners through the language changes in the mass? Many of the cards placed in the hymnals are no longer there - can we place them in the pews?
- How are we doing on the sacraments? Sacraments for the homebound is an area where we may need to focus.
 - How do we identify the homebound in our Parish?
 - How can we help educate Parish members that we serve the homebound?
 - Do we have enough ministers and the capacity to serve more?

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