

St. Saviour Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes for September, held on 9/11/2012

**THEME: Continue to build community life.**

**Attendees:**

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer, Prayer in remembrance of the victims of September 11<sup>th</sup>.

As a group we were called to focus on Spirituality with an effort to “be together and let the Spirit “talk” to us.”

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Academy Update:**

The new school year has just begun and with it a new beginning for St Saviour as our Elementary School is now St. Saviour Catholic Academy.

- The school opening went very smoothly. Channel 12 came to the school on opening day to gauge the excitement level and speak with the children, parents and teachers.
- The school is at full enrollment.
- The Board was able to meet with the teaching staff.
- The Board will attend the “Back to school nights” to meet the parent body of the Academy and speak about the present and future of the Academy.
- The Mission Statement of the Academy has been adopted and reflected on the Academy’s updated website.

**Strategic Plan** – Discussion of the Parish Strategic (Financial) plan for the next 3 years.

- Discussed the concept of “Helping Hands”: a group of parishioners that are able to be on call and available for volunteering to assist with stewardship events.
  - The Ministry Fair on October 14<sup>th</sup> should help us begin to identify certain people.
  - By March 2013 – figure out how the Helping Hands group will operate
- There was dialogue around creating a way to express our appreciation for all our volunteers.

- The ultimate goal is to increase parish revenue; the challenge is effectively communicating this goal to all our parishioners. Discussed ways this can be done through
  - Communication – Parishioners should ask themselves, “Where might I want to focus/do some work for my parish?”
  - Transparency – Once the Parish Plan is approved, how would we get it out to the wider church community?
  
- The Pastoral Council’s role in this is very important on 2 levels;
  - Identifying members to serve on the PPC in the future. How do we communicate the importance of serving on the Council, and how does the Spirit guide us to finding the right people for the group (discernment process).
  - The role of this PPC
    1. Planting the seed – educate on our role; how do we engage?
    2. Member rotation – best way for rotation to happen; proposal drafted as to how discernment will happen.

### **Ministry Fair**

- All hands on deck meeting
- Fair will be on October 13/14
- 4 page descriptive pamphlet on the ministries
- Postcard and mailing
- Facebook and website.

The group also discussed PPC member Gregory Smith, who has not responded to numerous attempts at contacting him. Gregory will be removed from the PPC at this time and an invitation will be extended to Jamie Gallagher to serve out Gregory’s remaining term, after which he can formally request membership in the PPC.

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