

St. Saviour Parish Pastoral Council  
Meeting Minutes for 11/13/2012

**Attendees:**

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

Welcome and Opening Prayer.

**Old Business**

**Ministry Fair Follow-up**

- 136 individuals signed up! Copies of the sign-up sheets went to Ministry Leaders / Committee Leaders
- Post cards are going out this week to all those who signed up, thanking them for their interest in sharing their time and talent.

The PPC discussed the frequency of the Fair, given the work involved in coordinating and running it. It was decided to skip a year, but use this year to highlight a different Ministry/ Service Group monthly: integrate into the overall Communications Plan (Regina, Sandy)

**Our Parish Plan**

PPC members who signed up to lead various parts of the plan were encouraged to work on their next steps between now and the February meeting, with updates to be given at that time.

- Worship Goal #6: A Pastoral Care plan for homebound parishioners.
  - Jamie G will work with Fr. Murphy
  - They will look at both the social and the spiritual needs of this population

**PPC Retreat**

PPC members discussed the purpose of the retreat and the interest level of the PPC in spending time together in this way. The PPC had talked about wanting to spend some time away from their planning and solution-focused role, to allow for time to 'listen' to the voice of the Holy Spirit, which called individual members of the group to serve through their role on the PPC.

The group decided a couple of hours on a Sunday afternoon, ending with the 5:00pm mass would be time well spent. There needs to be a facilitator so that members can focus on their own reflection, listening to the Spirit and to one another.

Sandy will work with Fr. Murphy to identify whether he will facilitate or whether we can identify someone from the Diocese to facilitate.

**New Business**

**Storm Follow-up and Parish Support**

- The Parish was amazingly supportive last weekend for the 2<sup>nd</sup> collection on behalf of families out on Breezy Point. \$5,600 collected to date, not including proceeds from the Poor Boxes and Thanksgiving.
- Fr. Murphy has connected with the Parish staff at Blessed Trinity, on Breezy Point
- The pressing needs are for gift cards for families to use and for volunteers to help cart refuse from homes.

### **Parish Finances: Update**

- There has been strong response to the request made by Fr. Murphy to parishioners around the budget shortfall this year. We have seen an uptick in weekly collections.
- The Finance Committee has elected to delay making their annual financial report due to the Storm and then Thanksgiving.

### **High School Updates**

- Storm Sandy impacted 5 families and over 90 alumni. The students are doing “Buckets of Love” to help families in storm-affected areas. They are labeling 5-gallon buckets and filling the buckets with cleaning materials, gloves and mops.
- 50 schools participated in the College Fair, which is a wonderful opportunity for students to meet with staff from schools which many students cannot visit in person.
- The school is partnering with the Cambridge Institute in Boston to host students from China and Asia. The program could bring in approximately 5 students annually over a multi-year period.
- Due to Storm Sandy, several fall events have had to be re-scheduled, including the Father-Daughter Dance and the fall Open House. The school staff are busy re-organizing the calendar to accommodate changes.
- For Thanksgiving, the school is hosting their annual Cultural Harmony Day, in which the many different cultures students come from are represented in song, dance, prayer and food.

### **Academy Updates**

- The Academy is offering refuge to 1 family from Breezy Point.
- The 6<sup>th</sup> graders do Mission Months, in which they support various charitable organizations. They decided to collect funds and gift cards to support storm victims (\$1 for each day that school was closed = \$4 each)
- The Friends of St. Saviour are hosting a cocktail party December 7<sup>th</sup> – all are welcome
- The Gym is getting new padding installed on the walls, thanks to the generosity of an Academy family.

### **Other Business**

- New Parish Members: we’ve received an influx of ‘new’ parishioners; PPC members will each call 2-4 of them to welcome them to the Parish.
- Parish Journal: Fr. Murphy encouraged everyone to participate in the journal by buying a space.
- A need that is being heard in the Parish is for special mass for those in need of employment. Members of the PPC are hearing increasingly of the sense of loss, and feelings of depression and hopelessness that many unemployed parish members are feeling.
  - Tuesday, January 15 at 7:00pm
  - PPC members will look into having a special networking time for unemployed parishioners sometime in the spring.

Winter / Spring PPC Meeting Times: 7:00pm

February 12

March 12

April 9

May 14

## **Mission of St. Saviour Parish**

As a parish in the Diocese of Brooklyn of the Roman Catholic Church, we believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

In theological solidarity we treat everyone with dignity and respect and recognize the essential contribution of every person.

We embrace a communion that celebrates our multiethnic life, inviting all with their own spirituality and religious customs to participate in parish life.

We encourage true collaboration in true honest communication and sincere cooperation among all God's people.

We encourage enthusiastic willingness on behalf of each parishioner to participate in parish life.

We encourage ongoing, honest and open dialogue on all levels in the Church.

We will continue to be motivated and nourished by a spirit of prayer to guide and maintain our parish.

## **Parish Pastoral Council Roles**

Working in close consultation with the pastor, to

- Listen and respond to the Holy Spirit
- Help organize and coordinate Parish life
- Assist in problem-solving and policy development
- To vision and Do Pastoral Planning

