

St. Michael Catholic Church
Pastoral Council Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2007
7:00pm
Conference Room

MINUTES

I OPENING

Debra Post opened the meeting at 7:00pm

Present: Debra Post, Maria Elena Ventura, Kim Gruidl, Aida Fusilero, Maurice Aufderheide, Jim Morrisroe, Rich Becker, Jim Shirley, Greg Antonoff, Will Macedo, Deacon Bill, Fr. Ray and guest speaker Sr. Emmanuel,
Absent: Gloria Conover-Armstrong and Edwin Henriquez

Maria Elena introduced Sr. Marta Perez as one of the new staff members for Hispanic Ministries

II BEGINNING PRAYER – **Fr. Ray**

- New Catechesis - Luke 15:1-32 – **Rich Becker**
- “When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?”

III INTRODUCTION OF STAFF MEMBERS – **Sr. Emmanuel, O.P. – School Principal**

- Sr. Emmanuel gave a presentation on the current state of St. Michael School. The school opened in 1913, so this is their 94th school year. It is an integral part of the Parish. There are 302 students all but one are Catholic. There are 25 staff members and many active parent volunteers. After a 2 year preparation period, the school is fully WASC accredited and WCEA certified for 6 years. They are now working on their 5 year action plan which includes teaching a strong Catholic Identity, strengthening Catholic principles and integrating these principles into their daily lives. The school is also working on outreach and service teaching. They have St. Vincent’s DePaul week once a month where students are encouraged to bring food donations into their classrooms. In Nov. the Student Council met with SVDP volunteers to learn about St. Vincent. At Christmastime the school works with the Knights of Columbus Guardian Angel project where the students donate gifts to less fortunate families in the community. They also attend Advent Prayer Services. During Lent they collect money for the Tijuana Mission. The sixth grade students work several K of C pancake breakfasts to raise money for Science Camp. The school is currently working on a new Marketing plan to improve publicity, grant writing and to build an alumni list. There is a new Superintendent of Schools that was recently announced in the Catholic Voice.

IV THANK YOUS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Refreshments – **Greg Antonoff**
- Sr. Marta Perez and Sr. Adrianna are the new staff members for Hispanic Ministries.

V APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- After staff title corrections, a motion was made by Will Macedo to accept the minutes of the July meeting, Rich Becker seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as corrected.

VI WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

- Fr. Walt sent a thank you note for our get well card
- Invitation to the new parishioner potluck on 9/25 7pm in the Small Hall
- 10/1 7pm in the Hall there will be an Icon presentation given by Barbara Mitchell
- 10/18 5:30pm there will be an Ambassador Leadership Recognition Dinner at Moreau High School.
- Invitation to join the Alameda County Child Abuse Prevention Council

VII PASTOR’S REPORT – **Fr. Ray**

- Social Concerns Articles in the Bulletin – all information found in these articles comes directly from the Diocese of Oakland website and/or the CA Conference of Bishops website and so supports mainline Catholic teachings.
- Finance – Fr. Ray will give his Stewardship Homily the weekend of 10/27 – 10/28. He met with the parents at Back to School night. The plate collection report last year showed that out of 209 registered in-parish families, 41 contributed \$0 to the church by way of monthly envelopes or checks. 22 families contributed less than \$1 a week on average. Parents were encouraged to attend mass on a weekly basis.

Many parishioners support the school, so in return school parents need to support the church or pay out of parish tuition rates.

- Debt Reduction – the monthly second collection is averaging \$6K - \$7K. There was a substantial donation received through a bequest recently.
- Feast of St. Michael - 9/29 is the Western Dinner/Dance. 9/30 11:00 multi-cultural Mass will be followed by the Parish Festival in the school yard.
- Child Care in Portable – Fr. Ray has been approached with the idea of having child care in the portable during Mass. The portable is not zoned for that, there would need to be costly updates made to the portable and there would need to be licensed volunteers to supervise the children. This is not something we will be doing at this time.
- Fr. Padriag Greene will be taking over for Fr. Dan at St. Augustine's
- John Paul II H.S. – there will be a steering committee meeting on 9/26. Fr. Ray will give an update at our next meeting.
- The Nov. Pastoral Council meeting will be changed from 11/20 to 11/13

VIII HISPANIC MINISTRIES UPDATE –**Maria Elena**

- 09/30 – Feast of St. Michael Festival – committees are planning and organizing the ticket sales, food booths, dancers etc. for the event. All are encouraged to attend.
- Faith Formation for First Communion has begun
- Sr. Marta and Sr. Adrianna are here for one year

IX YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE – **Maurice Aufderheide**

- Thurs. 9/20 is the planning meeting for the next Youth Mass
- The met in the new youth room for the first time
- 10/15 – 10/16 Confirmation Preparation starts
- Jr. High ministry meets tonight and they are expecting 50 in attendance
- 9/28 H.S. ministry is going to the A's baseball game
- there will be a retreat the first weekend of Nov. for Confirmation
- The retreat in Steubenville was a success; the students filled ¾ of the basketball court at UCSD. The Bishop said Mass. Many want to attend next year and they are expecting an even bigger turn out.

X NEW BUSINESS

- Brainstorm to develop one or two new goals from “Ten Essentials of Parish Life”
 - Synergy between Hispanic and English Confirmation Programs – some joint activities, reconciliation, retreats, etc. Center around religious and spirituality threads – prayer life etc.
 - Common needs of parish – who are lost in our community? What is our response: evangelization, outreach, hospitality
 - How does St. Michael Publicize? Interfaith Activities? Promote visibility in the community – Farmer's Market, Float in Rodeo Parade, Earth Day events, bowling league, choir at flagpole on Tues. nights.
 - Family Activities – clean up (coastal, parks, etc.) followed by picnic or BBQ; movie nights, can overlap with other areas - intergenerational (FET)

Homework – reflect on these and perhaps come up with a few more so we can develop goal statements and move ahead by close of our Nov. meeting.

XI OLD BUSINESS

- Goals and Objectives
 - SCC – Deacon Bill and Randy Schlientz will be heading up the task force and will give a report at our Nov. meeting
 - Jim Morrisroe presented a summary of the meeting with Bishop Vigneron and his Administrative Council on 6/7/07 regarding the new Diocesan Pastoral plan. The Bishop will be presenting the plan on 9/29 10am at St. Raymond's in Dublin.

XII ROUND TABLE PARISHIONER/COUNCIL MEMBERS CONCERNS

- Some tables in the Large Hall are missing the leg pads and are scratching the floor.
- Save the pew leg pads if you see them on the ground in the Church, they are no longer available to purchase
- Pastoral Council will be hosting the Donut Social on 10/28, please let Jim Shirley know which Mass you can help with.

The next Pastoral Council meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 7:00pm in the Conference Room.

Maurice Aufderheide is scheduled to read the Gospel and provide refreshments.

XIII CLOSING PRAYER

- Fr. Ray led the closing prayer

Meeting ended at 9:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Gruidl
Secretary