

**St. Catherine of Siena
Pastoral Council Meeting
February 10, 2009**

Present: Juan Arroyo, Beth Carroll, Matt Cooney, Dan Finlay, Carl Franck, Ann Gifford, Eileen Gravani, Michelle Mathios, Michael Monacelli, Chang-Sik Oh, Beverly Way, Mary Boris, Rev. Mike Mahler, Sr. Mary O'Brien

Absent: Chuck Alridge, Frank Ciaramello, Nancy Pringle, Janet Strebel, Larry Walker

1. On behalf of the Council, Dan welcomed three new members: Carl Franck, Beth Carroll and Eileen Gravani.
2. Chang-Sik led the Council in prayer.
3. January minutes approved.
4. Comments: Fr. Mike recognized the work of the Communications Committee, the Communications Task Force and the Facilities Planning Steering Committee whose members are all working very hard and competently behind the scenes. He shared diocesan mass attendance statistics and a map showing clustered parishes in the diocese. His health update is positive. Dan Finlay received a request that the PC endorse St. Catherine's participation in the US Bishops postcard campaign against the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). While the postcards have been ordered and parishioners will have the option of participating, he noted that the PC needs to discuss and create a policy to handle such requests for endorsement.
5. Communications Committee chair, Keith Davis, and committee member, Chris Pollack, reported on the mapping document that was distributed to the PC in Jan. Chris described its conceptual framework: Who is the audience? What do they want to hear? When and how do they want to hear it?
Keith clarified that the document is not meant for reading all at once but is a reference work when deciding what, how, and when to communicate with a particular audience.
Sr. Mary recommended changes to some of the assigned priorities which were noted by Keith and Chris. The Council approved the concept behind the document and the Communications Committee's use of it as a reference tool. Chris reported that he set up a Facebook profile for Saint Catherine's. This is a virtual brochure for the parish that may reach a broader and possibly younger segment of our parish community.
6. Facilities Project Steering Committee (FPSC) members Mike Redlin and Steve Moolin came to the PC seeking guidance as they prepare for the first Parish Forum on facilities. The Council approved in principle: the proposed content for the Forum; the process for collecting parishioner input on prioritizing St. Catherine's needs for Space/Function; important details about the Forum.
The Council requested that a column be added to the voting page for prioritizing space/function which explains the rationale for each proposed space.
The Council discussed removing certain dedicated spaces from the ballot, especially the bridal lounge.
The Council requested that the Forum be set up as group rather than theatre seating.
The Council requested that each person submit an individual vote for space prioritization.

The Council discussed whether to offer wall ballots, a standard size paper ballot, or the option of either.

The Council decided that the Parish Forum presentation would be led by a blend of PC and FPSC members.

7. Communications Task Force (CTF): Matt Cooney reported on the work of the CTF including upcoming bulletin inserts and pulpit updates. A Facilities tab is now on the homepage of St. Catherine's website where parishioners have access to consolidated facilities information. Guided tours of the facilities are scheduled for Feb. 28 and March 1 after all the masses. Council members are asked to encourage parish friends and acquaintances to join a guided tour and attend the Parish Forum.
8. The Council will review and discuss the PC mission and vision statements next month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Beverly Way