

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

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

Absent: Chuck Alridge, Beth Carroll, Frank Ciaramello, Michelle Mathios, Nancy Pringle, Larry Walker

1. Matt led the Council in prayer.
2. February minutes approved.
3. Pastor's comments: Fr. Mike gave a positive update on his health. He also reported an unexpected staff opening: Linda Denz will be leaving the Director of Religious Education position in June.
4. Vendor for financial feasibility study:
Bill Perkins, Steve Moolin and Mike Redlin of the Facilities Project Steering Committee (FPSC) reported to the Council that the FPSC recommends hiring Buddy Miller at RSI-Catholic Services to complete a financial feasibility study. From the three vendors that responded to St. Catherine's RFP (request for proposal), the FPSC recommended RSI-Catholic Services because their fundraising philosophy is based on teaching stewardship. The FPSC was greatly impressed with Buddy Miller, the individual who would be conducting the study and interacting with St. Catherine's parishioners. The methodology of the feasibility study will include identifying demographics, interviews with approximately 50 parishioners from the targeted demographics, talks with parish leadership and two focus groups. All parishioners will be invited to fill out and submit a confidential on-line form. The Council agreed unanimously that St. Catherine's hire Buddy Miller of RSI-Catholic Services as recommended by the FPSC.
5. Parish Facilities Forum: Structure
After discussion, the Council decided that forum participants will be seated in small groups to hear the series of three presentations. After each presentation, the forum participants will discuss what they have heard with the parishioners at their table.
6. Parish Facilities Forum Group: Facilitators
Each small group at the forum will have a Pastoral Council Facilitator who will keep the group discussion focused and on-topic. Volunteer facilitators are:
Sunday: Larry, Janet, Juan, Matt
Tuesday: Larry, Carl, Eileen, Matt
7. Tour Update
Matt Cooney and Steve Moolin had a positive report on the parish building tours. Seventy five parishioners participated. Tour leaders were able to emphasize the connection between the buildings and the quality of ministry we are able to offer.

The Council agreed to adopt the following Vision and Mission Statements:

PC Vision Statement:

We embrace the call to servant leadership to create a Catholic community where all are welcomed, challenged, and supported on their life journeys.

PC Mission Statement:

The mission of the Pastoral Council is to provide servant leadership for the parish by setting pastoral goals and objectives, by reaching those decisions through discernment based on prayer, dialogue, and mutual respect and by evaluating our progress toward achieving our pastoral goals and objectives.

8. Finance Council report

Ann reports that while the financial statements reviewed at the January 2009 Finance Council meeting indicate that we are in the black, income from collections for the first six months are down compared to year-to-date figures from last year. A FPSC report to the Finance Council (FC) was well received. The FC wants to be kept up to date on the Facilities project. Prior to the pulpit updates of March 14/15, Ann will report to the FC that the PC has approved the hiring of RSI-Catholic Services as the vendor for the financial feasibility study. She will also describe their methodology as outlined above.

9. The Council discussed the issue of Pastoral Council endorsements. It was agreed that a PC endorsement suggests parish support in a way that committee endorsements do not. It was suggested that endorsement requests be dealt with on an ad hoc basis and generally be referred to the committee most focused on the issue being addressed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Beverly Way