

**St. Catherine of Siena
Pastoral Council Meeting
May 12, 2009**

Present: Juan Arroyo, Beth Carroll, Matt Cooney, Eileen Gravani, Dan Finlay, Ann Gifford, Michelle Mathios, Michael Monacelli, Nancy Pringle, Janet Strebel, Beverly Way, Mary Boris, Rev. Mike Mahler, Sr. Mary O'Brien

Absent: Chuck Alridge, Frank Ciaramello, Carl Franck, Chang-Sik Oh, Larry Walker

1. Michael and Michelle led the Council in prayer.
2. April minutes approved.
3. Pastor's comments: Fr. Mike gave a positive update on his health. He reported that the personal interview and focus group components of the feasibility study went well with a high level of participation. He asked the council to encourage parishioners to fill out the on-line survey.

4. Feasibility Update:

Mike Redlin addressed the council to give an update on the financial feasibility study and to underline a change in the Council's role from neutral to directive beginning in June and continuing through October.

Information from the parish financial capacity will be gathered and processed by RSI through the month of May. On May 27 and 29, RSI will report the results of the financial feasibility study to the Facilities Project Steering Committee (FPSC). The council agreed that the FPSC hold this information until the June 9 Pastoral Council meeting at which time the FPSC will report the result of the study and recommend a direction to the Pastoral Council. The Pastoral Council will then begin to prepare something to put before the parish for parishioners to react to. The Council needs to spend time in the summer working on what to put forth in September.

Mike underlined that whatever the Council presents, parishioner reaction will be split with some people being satisfied and some being angry. He advised Council members to remain authentic in response to these reactions and reiterate the Council's commitment to a process of parish wide decision.

5. Church Beams

Matt Cooney reported that internal decay is suspected in the support beams that hold up the roof of the church. The 2007 Conditions Report suggested surface decay but there has been no investigation since. The Council agreed that it was appropriate for the FPSC to recommend a course of action concerning the beams. The Council agreed that cost estimates for any work be reviewed and approved by the Finance Council prior to authorization.

6. Strategic Statements and Operating Values

Dan shared the Pastoral Council strategic statements and background to our Operating Values. He invites the Council so react to these statements.

7. Strategic Plan Year 2

Council asked to review and consider if any of the action plans need more attention or should be closed. Council is also asked to identify parish issues that are not addressed in the strategic plans. Matt Cooney suggested we seriously consider a Coming Home series for returning Catholics. Email Dan Finlay with any other suggestions.

8. Groups that need help

Concern was expressed that certain groups and committees at St. Catherine's are stretched too thin and are at risk of burning out. A subcommittee was convened to help articulate strategies to match our parish goals to our available resources and help committees create a model of sustainable event planning. Current members are Mike Redlin, Ann Gifford, and Dan Finlay. Fr. Mike will contribute ideas.

9. 50th Anniversary Celebration—a two year celebration starting April 2010

Suggested names for the planning committee: Bob Julian, Fred Antil, Ted Thoren, Marisa LaFalce and others with hotel/event planning background

Each Council member asked to go through the parish directory and come up with a couple of names of people who could serve.

10. Finance Council report

Ann has a positive report from the Finance Council. The Stewardship Lenten appeal rose over \$5,000 to augment our reserve funds.

11. Staff Announcement

Christine Williams hired to replace Linda Denz. Christine worked as a middle school teacher and administrator prior to her retirement. She begins immediately as the Youth Faith Formation Administrator.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Beverly Way