

ST.MARY'S PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 15,2015

PRESENT: Monsignor: Gene Lindemann, Father Robert Shea, Deacon: Terry Glatt, Resources Manager: Steve Braus, Mike Wolf, Kurt Snyder, Dick Heidt, John Grasl, Leo Voigt, Tony Fladeland, and Tom and Carolyn Hesford

ABSENT: Shawn Morlock

Minutes approved after two corrections.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- + Mike Wolf welcomed Tony Fladeland as a new member of the council.
- + Msgr. Gene provided an update on the Light of Christ. A bus trip is planned to Rochester, Minnesota to look at Lourdes High School which will probably be a model for our future building project. Gerald Vetter unofficially informed Msgr. Gene that they are very close to making an announcement about the land acquisition, Tony Fladeland stated that the number of students enrolled overall is between 4 and 5%. Msgr. Gene said that Gerald Vetter expressed concern with moving the 6th Grade to the Academy next year since the projected enrollment in about 170 students. Discussions about how to accommodate the growing student population have included considering portables or temporary off sight facilities, such as other parishes.
- + Portfolio Ministry Reports - Leo Voigt met with Diane Huck . She shared her goals for Hospitality Ministry and he explained our process for communicating with the various parish ministries. Leo told her that he would be getting in touch with her throughout the year and he encouraged her to ask questions and offer suggestions. Diane asked about Youth being on the Parish Council.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- + Leo handed out a set of Guides for Developing a Youth Leadership Program that could possibly be used to help get more young people involved. The discussion that followed included reflection on the overall need for better Parish involvement across the board, especially with young parishioners.. Kurt Snyder suggested a high school team from SMGS graduates that could come back and mentor/lead. Msgr. Gene informed the Council that the diocese is looking at hiring a Faith Formation Coordinator that will include some involvement with youth groups. Hopefully this will take place by January. Msgr. Gene suggested the U of Mary's Core Christi program as a resource. Father Shea explained that there is a also a one week program of intense preparation in July for Boys and Girls focusing on Grades 9/10 and students preparing for confirmation.
- + Msgr. Gene reported on future planning for Pizza Hut. He stated that the building is in good shape. The parking lot is seriously needed and our dream is to develop the building into a Parish Center for meetings, fun and luncheons. YHR Architects have been contacted about tying in the building architecture. They sent a proposal for study, plan and implementation. The cost of the planning study would be \$4000. Msgr. also said that the needs of the school and child care center must be part of planning. There has been talk of an addition. (???YHR can't do anything because we are under contract with another firm. The cost of plans for the block would be \$8000.) Msgr. Gene met with Gerald Vetter and he wants to move ahead, at least with Pizza Hut. We need to be prepared since the lease is up in June, 2017. Should Pizza Hut be elevated on the priority list for Capitol

Campaign dollars. John Grasl reminded the PPC that at the end of their lease Pizza Hut must modify the building to not look like Pizza Hut. Dick Heidt motioned to move forward with the \$4000 study. (?)Kurt questioned wether the LOC subsidy would decrease. John asked if

LOC was supposed to lease the schools and if so what happened to that plan? Kurt, also, wondered if there is a process for prioritizing competing funds? Msgr. Gene stated the the process is political, not fair! Leo asked what the facility cost is? The answer was 1/2 of \$218,000.

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NEXT MEETINGS:

5:30 p.m. October 27, 2015

5:30 p.m. November 24, 2015