

ST. MONICA PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 25, 2010

Members Present:

Fr. Tim Luschen	Chris Pribil
Tony Orel	Angel Baker
Nicole Owens	Julie Ridlon
Charlie Bohan	Helen O'Connor
Aquilino Chavez	Lee Hunt
Jim Carel	Andy Cobb

Members Absent: Cathy Krittenbrink, Ladine Kunnanz, Theresa Hild, Virginia Hogue, Katie Gordy, Gayle Stanfill

Guests Present: John Martin (Strategic Plan Advisor - Ex-Officio), Carmen Snow (Hispanic Ministry Coordinator), and Becky Cooper (for Liturgy Board)

Order of Business

1. **Call to Order / Prayer:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Pastoral Council Chairman Tony Orel. The meeting was opened with the Prayer for Vocations led by Father Tim, followed by Breaking Open the Word led by Charlie Bohan.
2. **Minutes / Correspondence:** The minutes for the March meeting were approved with one correction (paragraph 4a, 4th line, first word should read "it"). There was no correspondence.
3. **Old Business:**
 - a. **How's Your Life Committee:** Father Tim handed out a summary of the May 19, 2010 meeting. As a result of a May 16, 2010 Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee meeting at Fairview Baptist Church, the How's Your Life Committee will continue to hold house meetings and form study groups around the following issues: senior care/retirement, city infrastructure, immigration, transportation, health care, economic justice, family support, and public school education. An agenda-setting meeting will be held Wed., June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall followed by a parish assembly on Wed., June 9th. In addition St. Monica has paid out \$3,000 dues for the coming year to the Oklahoma Sponsoring Committee. Of that amount, half was from private donations and the other half from the Stewardship account.
 - b. **Pastoral Council Constitution:** The Archdiocese has approved the Constitution update and all members should have received a copy for their binder.

c. **Strategic Plan:** The ad-hoc committee is composing a parish survey which will most likely be broken up in two to three parts to be administered over a period of time at masses and on Survey Monkey online. We will work with Fr. Ackerman first before presenting the survey to the Pastoral Council for approval. Deacon Lee suggested we do a count at masses when we hand out the survey. Aquilino Chavez asked if we could add a question for the Spanish mass parishioners on whether or not they were happy with the current mass time. We will make sure that representatives of the Spanish community like Aquilino and Carmen Snow are asked to attend our survey planning meeting.

d. **Additional Space Report:**

- The Parish Hall restroom renovations are completed.
- Expansion of the RCIA room (St. Anthony room in Church) is in progress. The closet has been eliminated to provide more room and carpet will have to be replaced.
- Work on the new Youth Room in the maintenance building will begin around June 1st with a goal of being completed by the end of July. This space will include two new restrooms and give about 2,100 sq. ft. for the Youth. A new entrance door will be added to the East side of the building. The estimate is \$55,000. We are just waiting on permits. The Building and Grounds Board plans on reusing what we can from existing lights and insulation. It was suggested that we also add a motion sensor light on the exterior for added security and visibility.

4. **New Business:**

a. **Budget Reviews:** They are not finished. Janelle, our bookkeeper, is trying to gather needed information. Requests went out late to the boards and committees but she has heard back from most. Committees were asked to reduce spending by 5%. We will review the budgets at our next Pastoral Council meeting.

b. **Liability Insurance Concerns:** As a result of recommendations made by archdiocesan legal counsel, St. Vincent de Paul, which is an independently incorporated organization and not a parish organization, will have to carry their own insurance when using St. Monica facilities. Also, security will need to be added when alcohol is served during parish events, to include weddings, so as to ensure compliance with Edmond's Social Host Law. All other parish organizations can continue to use our facilities under the parish's insurance umbrella, but scouts, entities that use the sports fields, the Knights of Columbus, etc... will have to provide their own insurance.

5. **Announcements:**

a. Fr. Ackerman will arrive on June 15th.

b. There will a mass held at St. Patrick cemetery this Monday on Memorial Day.

c. Although a new church (for the Latin mass) is being built near St Patrick cemetery, St. Patrick will remain under our responsibility because we are a territory parish.

- d. Fr. Tim spoke with Virginia Hogue, a member-at-large who has missed many meetings, if she intends to stay on. She would like to for the moment.
- e. Parishioner Kelly Edwards has applied to the seminary for entrance this fall at St. Meinreids. He will be the first diocesan seminarian from St. Monica. Let us all pray for him. Max Yardley, from St. John's, who has been regularly helping us out by playing for the Spanish Mass is also entering the seminary.
- f. The JustFaith program will be starting this fall at St. Monica. There is a commitment to read, study, and talk to become more active in social ministry.
- g. Tony Orel said our next Pastoral Council meeting is to be determined once Fr. Ackerman arrives.

6. Closing: The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Father Tim.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Owens

Pastoral Council Vice-Chairman (Secretary pro-tem)