

St. Hilary Parish Pastoral Council

November 22, 2011

Stephanie Sipe opened with a brief prayer, followed by a reading of Luke 10:25-37. Discussion followed with members sharing their reflections on the focus questions relating to the second of seven themes, *Call to Family, Community, and Participation*. The meeting was called to order at 7:25 p.m.

Present at the meeting were: Fr. Steve Brunovsky, Fr. Frank Basa, Stephanie Sipe, Chair; Scott Dudek, Secretary; Judi Roman, Recording Secretary, Lou Camerato, Jim Bozzelli, Renee Flannery, Janice Huth, Tom Nixon, Matt Sejba, Karen Weber, and Trish Goodin-Yard.

School Board – Karen Weber reported on the open School Board meeting held November 8 where parents had the opportunity to ask questions, raise concerns, and/or share their comments regarding tuition. Tracy Arnone discussed the strengths and presented those areas that still require additional attention, e.g., tutoring for students needing extra help, and Debbie Sinopoli reviewed financial forecasts and projections.

Financial Report – The financial reports for the period ended October 31, 2011, were reviewed by Lou Camerato. He explained budget variances and anticipated benefit increases due to rising insurance costs. Copier machines will no longer be leased, rather the Parish, which generates 1 million copies annually, will be purchasing reconditioned machines. Needed replacement of the school boilers, now 50 years old, could be a \$350,000 to \$400,000 project for the summer of 2012. We are in the process of applying for grants to retrofit lights with T-tube lighting.

Commission Reports – Commission representatives reported as follows:

- **Caring and Participating** – *Jim Bozzelli, Matt Sejba:* Nothing to report.
- **Education** – *Chad Balaj, Suzanne Scarpitti:* Nothing to report.
- **Evangelization** – *Renee Flannery, Kelly Zitzman:* Approximately 600 kits are being put together for the Epiphany. The kits will contain the chalk and a prayer to be used by parishioners to bless their homes.
- **Liturgy and Worship** – *Tom Nixon, Debbie Kilivris:* Nothing to report.
- **Social Justice & Concerns** - *Scott Dudek, Trish Goodin-Yard:* Trish recommended that anyone interested in gathering in prayer at the abortion clinic should first contact someone who's knowledgeable about the rules of conduct.
- **Spiritual Formation** – *Janice Huth, Rob Sharkey:* Nothing to report.

Staff Report – No report.

Pastor's Report –

- Catholicism 101, held November 18, was extremely well attended.
- Journey for Justice Lenten speakers will include Fr. Michael Brunovsky on the Wednesday before Ash Wednesday.
- Revisions to the Roman Missal are being implemented the first Sunday of Advent. The musical sheets in the pews will be replaced with new sheets containing the people's responses.

Old Business – Stephanie Sipe provided tags from the Christmas Giving Tree for Council members to take and asked that they bring the gifts to Lou Camerato's office no later than December 9.

Pastoral Excellence – As a follow-up to Dr. David DeLambo's presentation, many suggestions were presented by Council members for social events and educational topics.

New Business – It was suggested that the parish conference rooms be given names, such as saints' names, and that the decorating committee investigate the use of decorating materials that relate to our faith.

Next Meeting – The next Executive Committee meeting is Tuesday, January 10 at 7:30 a.m. and the next Parish Pastoral Council meeting is Tuesday, January 24 at 7:00 p.m. The upcoming meeting schedule is:

December – No meeting

January 24 – 7:00 p.m.

February 28 – 7:00 p.m.

Parishioners are welcome to attend scheduled meetings by simply notifying a member of Council or the Parish Office. Parishioners may also submit questions, concerns, and/or suggestions to a commission representative or to the Parish Office, marked to the attention of Chair, Parish Pastoral Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Roman

Recording Secretary

2011-2012 Officers and Parish Pastoral Council Members

Stephanie Sipe, Chairperson

Kelly Zitzman, Vice Chairperson

Scott Dudek, Secretary, Judi Roman, Recording Secretary,

Lou Camerato, Jim Bozzelli, Renee Flannery, Todd Houser,

Janice Huth, Debi Kilivris, Tom Nixon, Diane Sarkis, Suzanne Scarpitti,

Lyn Schott, Matt Sejba, Rob Sharkey, Trish Goodin-Yard

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year