

Saint Gregory the Great Parish Pastoral Stewardship Council (PSC) Minutes of the meeting on January 10, 2012

In attendance (clockwise), at the January 9, 2012, 7:00 p.m. PSC meeting held in room 101 of the School were the following PSC members, and parishioners: Toni Colombo, Cheryl Manger, Michael Kielty (taking minutes), Bill Adsit, Deacon Ron Diem, Lynda Rowan, Kate Schemensky, Mike Harris, Bill & Maureen Carpenter, Bob Heim, Maria Sittmann, Kathy McIntosh, Maeve O'Connell, Stephanie Lower, John Lyons, Brian DeWitt and Brian DeWitt. [It was noted that Father Nick was not present as he was in Ireland, as his mother Annie Clavin recently passed away. Toni Colombo stated that all of the PSC's condolences and prayers were with Father Nick at this time.]

There was a call to start by Toni Colombo and a welcome to our new PSC member, Bob Heim. Bob will be Assistant Facilitator for Christian Formation with Dr. Bill Adsit. Toni also welcomed Fletcher Hull, who will be facilitating our PSC Retreat.

1. Welcome/Opening Prayer – Toni Colombo

Toni Colombo read from 1st Samuel, about God calling to Samuel who was sleeping, with Samuel ultimately realized that God was calling him to action. Toni then led the PSC in all reciting the "Our Father".

2. Review November Minutes – Toni Colombo

No changes or modifications were requested to the November 2011 minutes.

3. Calendar – Toni Colombo

Toni Colombo encouraged all of the PSC members to support all of the parish activities, and asked that the PSC members make themselves known at events they attend to the members of the parish to be a presence to parishioners to learn more about the ministries and the parishioners themselves. That the PSC be more "visible" to the parish was a response from an Ed Laughlin workshop that had one of the highest ratings. Some of the upcoming events for January and February include:

January

12 th /13 th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
14 th /15 th	Liturgy Ministry Fair
17 th	Cancer Group Memorial Mass – 7:00 p.m.
18 th /25 th	A Journey Through the Mass (Cont.) – 7:00 p.m.
30 th – Feb 1 st	Father Eugene Hensell, OSB 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (Speaking on the Gospel of St. Mark)

February

2 nd	Candlemas Day – Blessings of candles
3 rd	St. Blaise – Blessing of Throats at 8:00 a.m. and noon Masses
11 th	Rummage Sale
18 th	Knights of Columbus hosted Mardi Gras party
22 nd	Ash Wednesday (Masses 6:30 a.m.; 8:00 a.m.; 12:00 p.m.; & 7:00 p.m.)

It was also noted that the “Parish mission” is set for March 26-28, 2012 with Father Joshua Wagner, and will be at 9:00 a.m. and also 7:00 p.m. Members of the PSC are “strongly” encouraged to attend the Parish Mission.

4. PSC Stewardship Retreat

a. Where/when/what

Toni Colombo advised that the PSC Stewardship retreat will now be going forward at the church on Friday evening January 27th and running through the Saturday evening 5:00 p.m. Mass, rather than at the San Luis Rey Mission in Oceanside. The retreat will be based upon the book “Living Your Strengths” which the PSC members are encouraged to read before the retreat. By now, each member should have taken the online assessment in the book and contacted Fletcher Hull regarding their top five talents/strengths.

b. Strength Finders – Fletcher Hull

Fletcher Hull spoke about the book “Living Your Strengths” which helps a reader learn their innate talents. Fletcher stated that the book teaches us that talents, plus skill and knowledge, equals our strengths. He stated that no two people will have the same themes in the same order - showing us that God made us each unique. He emphasized that identifying talents will help parishioners live their faiths more fully through the parish. Fletcher will be giving a talk about the book, and its thirty-four different themes, at the upcoming PSC retreat.

5. Mardi Gras Party - Mike Harris

Mike Harris spoke about the upcoming Knights of Columbus Mardi Gras party set for Saturday February 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets are \$30 a person who must be 21 years of age, will begin to be sold on the weekend of January 21/22. There will be a “DJ” with music and dancing, games, food and a costume and mask contest. Only 250 tickets will be sold, so everyone was encouraged to buy their tickets early. (A flyer regarding the event is attached)

6. Stewardship Report Highlights – All

As in the past, there were written summary reports and updates provided in advance of the PSC meeting, and as such they are attached. Below are brief highlights of what was communicated. Please see the attached reports and updates for further detailed information which were provided by the following:

Cheryl Magner for Liturgy advised that the Christmas Masses were more full than they have ever been in her summary.

Bill Carpenter advised that eight families in November, twelve families in December, and ten families in January were welcomed at the new parishioner orientations. For all of 2011, one hundred and ninety-eight (198) new families were welcomed to St. Gregory’s through the new parishioner orientation process. Additionally, Bill related that approximately 450-475 parishioners signed up for various ministries at the five ministry fairs held in 2011.

Kate Schemensky again related that all of her many groups were doing fine in her detailed report, and specifically mentioned the Fil-Am Group and their recent well received and excellent caroling.

Mike Harris indicated that the Parish Rummage Sale is set for February 11th from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the parish hall, and that donations of items will be accepted on February 10th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., as mentioned in his report which covered Sister Parish Outreach, Respect for Life, and Adopt-A-Family.

Maeve O'Connell handed out a copy of the recent school newsletter, which is attached, and highlighted that the recent school/parish spaghetti dinner raised approximately \$2,000, as did the recent Barnes and Noble fundraiser. Maeve stated that the school will be holding an open house on Sunday January 29th, and that the father/daughter dinner dance will be held on February 3rd.

Bill Adsit mentioned that the Christmas play "A Nativity Story: Live It" was well attended and a once again a great production, as part of his written report.

John Lyons advised that the framing is expected to be completed by early February on the new administration building, currently under construction at the school campus. Some new steel is now in place. John related that construction is progressing well with the general contractor Zigman/Shields, with completion anticipated by Easter time.

7. Other Business –

a. Knights of Columbus Golf Tournament

Mike Harris related that the Knights of Columbus golf tournament is in the planning stages, and would be positioned based upon when the Gala is to be held. They expect a September date to be announced soon.

8. Closing Prayer – Deacon Ron Diem

Deacon Ron Diem led the closing prayer by asking everyone to place themselves in God's presence. and consider all that they had done and not done that day, and ask for God's mercy. Deacon Ron asked, that the PSC ask themselves what they are most grateful for, and to give God thanks. Deacon Ron then prayed about service to God, and to all of God's children in any way we can. Lastly he prayed that we all gain peace and strength through God, and that ended the meeting.

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[The next Pastoral Stewardship Council (PSC) meeting will be held on Tuesday February 7, 2012 at 7:00 p.m., in room 101 at the School campus. All parishioners are welcome to attend.]