

Saint Gregory the Great Parish
Pastoral Stewardship Council
Minutes of the meeting on February 9, 2010

In attendance (counter clockwise), at the February 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. PSC meeting held at the School: Father Nick Clavin, Stephanie Lower, Rob Thornhill, Barbara Kuzara, Maria Sittmann, Mike Mammini, Gene Fontana, Toni Colombo, Michael Kielty (taking minutes), Bill Schemensky, Greg Tom, and John Lyons. Also present, Elizabeth Mammini (Gala update), Jake Vildibill & Aaron Smith (Youth update), Bill & Maureen Carpenter (Parish Wide Involvement).

There was a call to start by Mike Mammini.

1. OPENING PRAYER – Toni Colombo

Toni read two scriptures reflecting on Lent.

2. REVIEW JANUARY MINUTES - Mike Mammini

There were no additions or modifications. Mike commented on the well attended retreat and preaching at the recent Mission, presented by Fr. Jude Winkler.

3. SPRING GALA UPDATE – update by Elizabeth Mammini

Plans for the Gala “Casino night” are moving forward. The Gala will be held on May 15, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., at the San Diego Marriott hotel in Mission Valley. The theme is “What happens here, goes *beyond* here”. There is a further organizing meeting on February 16th at 6:30 p.m. in the church hall. Tickets will be priced at \$85 per person, with an early bird ticket price of \$80, prior to April 1st. There will be a cocktail reception with a variety of food stations, along with silent and live auctions, casino tables, and a direct giving opportunity. There will be a mailing on March 1st. Tickets go on sale March 13th. A banner will be going up next week. They are soliciting donations, contributions and sponsorship. (See the church website for further information.)

4. YOUTH UPDATE - Jake Vildibill & Aaron Smith

Jake and Aaron gave a summary of activities and upcoming events for the youth group. The youth group is made up of high school students. They are having a confirmation year two retreat the weekend of February 20th, with approximately 160 students expected to attend. In March they are sending approximately 20 students to the L.A. Youth Day, which is a national event. There is a ski trip planned for March 5 – 7, in rented cabins. On March 7th they are having a Community life night with a speaker from Catholic Relief Services, who will speak about efforts in Haiti. They are planning for Stubenville in July, which is a three-day retreat. It appears that many good friendships are being formed in the group, which is a self-supporting group.

5. FACILITATOR COMMENTS - All

See attached.

John Lyons also advised that they are closing in on completing all of the punch lists for the school property. John with Father Nick is looking at minor modifications for the administration/library building, which needs to open by September 2012, which results in a need to begin construction in approximately late 2011.

Elizabeth Mammini advised that the Mom's group had recently raised \$91 at its last meeting, which will be a donation to our sister parish, Our Lady of Angels.

Stephanie Lower advised that schedules for all ministries regardless of whether they are requesting meeting space, needs to be turned in by April 1st for the next fiscal year July 2010 to June 2011, utilizing the standard form on the church's website. This way the office will know who is meeting, when and where.

It was noted that Friday Masses during Lent will be a 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

6. Q1 2010 PSC GOALS - Mike Mammini

- a. Leadership turnover Update – Toni Colombo

Toni provided a Directory of Stewardship & Ministries that Barbara will update and Maintain. Rob Thornhill, Maria Sittmann and Toni Colombo recently met to discuss turnover and finding new leaders, and their ideas will be presented to Father Nick for inclusion into next month's PSC meeting agenda.

b. Communications – Rob Thornhill

Rob advised that he recently held a meeting with Father Nick and Mike Elgo and John Graf concerning the church's website and database. There are currently challenges that they are going to work through with the browser and server. Information on the upcoming Gala is now on the church's website. Deacon Ron will serve as the clearinghouse for all changes, apart from schedule updates, to the website. They are working towards a mass e-mailing capability. Currently approximately 40% of the parishioners have furnished their e-mail addresses.

c. 25 Year anniversary – need committee

Mike Mammini advised that the park or perhaps the school site are currently being considered by Cheryl Magner and himself. It is hoped that a committee will be created soon to begin planning.

d. SG Newsletter (debut in Sept. 2010)

Mike Mammini also advised that there is discussion about how to structure a parish newsletter that is expected to debut at the same time as the 25th anniversary of the parish.

7. VBS NEEDS HELP (NOTICE TO FF PARENTS??)

Mike Mammini advised that Cheryl Dawley is still looking for assistance, and that there was consideration to approaching and soliciting the parents of the 900 students in faith formation, about who could take on this task.

8. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS & RESPONSIBILITIES - Mike Mammini

Mike Mammini advised that there will be further discussion about how to structure a ministry fair. Toni will report next meeting about leadership, and the newsletter. Rob will report further about communications. Mike Mammini and Cheryl Magner will report further about the 25th year anniversary celebrations. Stephanie Lower volunteered to prepare an opening prayer for the next PSC meeting.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS

See the attached chart of events for February and March 2010.

10. FATHER'S COMMENTS

Father Nick commented that approximately \$17K had been received so far for the annual Catholic Appeal from the first weekend. The goal is \$67K. Normally the first weekend usually produces a higher percentage.

Father Nick thanked God for the blessings of the recent Lenten Mission.

Deacon Ron is forming a committee to discuss replacement of the gathering plaza tree, to get input from experts and to let the community decide what is best for a replacement tree.

11. CLOSING PRAYER

Father Nick said a closing prayer for vision, direction and progress, and finished by leading the "Our Father".

[The next Pastoral Stewardship Council (PSC) meeting will be held on Tuesday March 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m., at the School campus. All parishioners are welcome to attend.]