

Saint Gregory the Great Parish Pastoral Stewardship Council (PSC) Minutes of the meeting on October 11, 2011

In attendance (clockwise), at the October 11, 2011, 7:00 p.m. PSC meeting held in room 101 of the School were the following PSC members, and parishioners: Father Nick Clavin, Lynda Rowin, Bill Adsit, Maeve O'Connell, Stephanie Lower, Bruce Breslau, Mike Harris, Brian DeWitt, John Lyons, Maria Sittmann, Toni Colombo, Michael Kiely (taking minutes), Patti Tarczy, Bill & Maureen Carpenter, Cheryl Magner, Deacon Ron Diem, Gene Fantano, and Bill & Kate Schemensky.

There was a call to start by Toni Colombo.

1. Opening Prayer/Reflection on Stewardship – Toni Colombo

Toni read from Matthew 22, with the theme, 'pay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and pay to God what belongs to God'. Toni continued with a prayer from the backside of an image of the Holy Spirit, which reflected on "Peace from God", and "Do not let your heart be troubled." Toni took a moment to thank Brian DeWitt for taking over during the past few months, and concluded with a reflection on Father Allan McDonald's seven secrets of successful stewardship which includes:

1. Give until it feels good
2. See not obligation, but opportunity
3. Give to specifics
4. Have an attitude of gratitude
5. Share various gifts at the right time
6. Realize God will point the way, and
7. See stewardship as a spiritual act.

2. Review Minutes from September – Brian DeWitt

Brian offered the September minutes, and there were no requests for any changes or modifications, at that time.

3. By-Laws – Toni Colombo

a. Term Limits & Need for Assistant Stewards

Toni talked about the desire to create a booklet or folder to place the meeting schedule, bylaws, what's required, and what's expected of each steward, so that when new people come onto the PSC they have a starting point. Toni discussed the need to determine how to create a method for rotating people on and off the PSC, and the need for new blood and ideas to come along.

b. Retreat – January 27 & 28, 2012 – Mission San Luis Rey

Toni confirmed that this upcoming year's PSC retreat will again be held at the Mission San Luis Rey on January 27 & 28, 2012.

c. Review responsibilities of Chief Stewards.

Toni emphasized the need for face-to-face meetings with ministry heads, and indicated that she was planning on attending some meetings to express the thanks and gratitude of the PSC for the ministry work that is being performed. There was some discussion about the merits and benefits of a visit to some of the various ministry meetings by Father Nick.

d. November Meeting – Discuss Goals and Objectives for 2012

Toni stated that she would like everyone to reflect on, and be ready to discuss goals and objective for 2012, at the next PSC meeting in November.

4. November Parish/School Dinner – Publicity & Needs - Maeve O'Connell

There was discussion about the upcoming Parish/School spaghetti dinner on Friday November 18th. It had been previously noted that this dinner arose as a result of parishioners seeking additional ways to get together and socialize. There was discussion about selling tickets for the event, and promoting the event through a pulpit talk on October 23rd, and then with flyers in the bulletin on November 6th and 13th. The hall will be decorated by the school's PTG parents and students, with an Italian theme. The Knights of Columbus volunteered to be in charge of the beer and wine, and the

Mom's group will handle ticket sales. Volunteers are always welcome to help with set-up and clean-up, and can contact Bill or Kate Schemensky to assist. There are two seating's contemplated, the first at 5:00 p.m., and the second at 6:30 p.m. with pricing at \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children, with drinks extra. Maeve O'Connell confirmed that the spaghetti would be supplemented and underwritten by Fillippi's restaurant in Mira Mesa, and thanked them for their continuing support.

5. Fall Carnival -- Toni Colombo

Toni thanked Jennifer Rosson for putting on such a wonderful event, which was so well attended. Jennifer is expected to attend the November PSC meeting to give a report on the festival. The festival was viewed as a great success by everyone in attendance. Many people stated that they were looking forward to next year's event.

6. Stewardship Report Highlights – All

There were many written summary reports and updates provided in advance of the PSC meeting, and as such they are attached. Reports and updates were provided by the following:

Development Steering Committee (DSC) - which included notice that the new construction at the School campus of the administration/library building, is now underway as a result of the selection of Zigman/Shields as the contractor. Maria Sittmann discussed the achievements and proposed goals of the Facilities ministry, among other information contained in their attached reporting by John Lyons & Maria Sittmann.

The School – which discussed their upcoming food drive as their service project for October, the success of their weekly newsletter the Guardian News, and that all information is available at their website at www.stggcs.org, among other information contained in their attached reporting by Maeve O'Connell.

Christian Formation Stewardship – which discussed the remaining need for sixteen (16) more volunteers in various roles for faith formation which began on October 6th, and that baptism seminars have been well attended with 10-18 participants

at each seminar, with the next seminar set for October 23rd, among other information contained in their attached reporting by Bill Adsit.

The Clubs & Group report covered fourteen (14) different groups including the Book club; Cooking group; Film fans; Lets dine in; Military friendship & support; Adults 50+ club; Widows friendship; Filipino-Americans; Mom's group; Knights of Columbus; Boy Scouts; Cursillo; and Marriage Encounter, so please refer to their attached reporting by Kate Schemensky for details.

The Fil-American Ministry separately reported that they generated \$858 from ticket sales at the Fall Festival, and that they have started rehearsing for their Christmas caroling, among other information contained in their attached reporting.

The Stewards of Parish Outreach report covered three (3) different groups including Sister Parish Outreach; Respect for Life; and Adopt-A-Family, as reported by Bruce Breslau and Mike Harris. Please refer to their attached reporting for details. Bruce Breslau supplemented their report by adding that Lucy Hodge from the Rosary Makers have made 7,310 mission rosary's and have donated 4,400 locally through September, to hospitals, the military and other groups.

Parish Wide Involvement through Bill Carpenter advised that the next Ministry Fair will the weekend of November 12 & 13, 2011, with an orientation ahead of the fair occurring on October 18th. Additionally there were fifteen (15) new families welcomed at the October new parishioner orientation, as indicated in their reporting.

Cheryl Magner provided a Liturgy ministry report.

Lynda Rowin advised that the Mom's group's new registrations were going well.

Bill Schemensky separately indicated that the Garden group is looking for additional members; and that Prayers and Squares had received a request for four (4) new quilts.

Gene Fantano discussed that the parish had paid \$230,000 in its debt service obligation to the diocese last year, for the first phase of the school, and that the remaining balance is approximately \$1.8 million. At the upcoming Feast of Christ the

King on the weekend of November 20th, there will be a request made to the parishioners to increase their Sunday collection plate offerings, in order to continue to meet the church's ongoing and increasing needs and obligations.

Deacon Ron Diem passed out an updated Pastoral Stewardship Counsel (PSC) Ministry chart, which remains a work in progress. It was noted that there are three groups with a need for leadership, including: Respect for Life; Helping Hands; and Adopt-a-Family.

Toni Colombo voiced a special thanks to Jenny Quimpo for all her hard work on the parish's website, which is now much improved and easier to navigate. Everyone was encouraged to visit the site at www.stgg.org.

7. Father's Comments

Father Nick spoke about the importance of a spiritual focus and component of each gathering of ministry. He reminded everyone of the upcoming session to be directed by Father Bruce Osborne regarding changes in the liturgy which are scheduled for October 19th at 7:00 pm. in the hall, and again on Sunday November 6th at 12:30 p.m. also in the hall. Father explained that these were changes dictated by the Congregation of Devine Worship in Rome, and that he will be sending a pastoral letter to the parishioners regarding the changes, which go into effect on the first Sunday of Advent. Father also mentioned that there will be cards in the pews, to assist everyone in the transition.

Father Nick thanked the facilities ministry and all involved in maintaining, improving, and taking pride in the parish facilities.

Father concluded in reminding everyone that stewardship is a disciple's response to the Lord, that our mission is the mission of Christ, and communicated the need to be able to inspire others to the faith, and all that it holds for us.

8. Closing Prayer – Fr. Nick

Father Nick then led the group in the "Glory be to the Father..." and the meeting adjourned.

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[The next Pastoral Stewardship Council (PSC) meeting will be held on Tuesday November 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., in room 101 at the School campus. All parishioners are welcome to attend.]