

Pastoral Council Meeting Minutes  
St. Catherine of Siena  
November 9, 2010

Present: Fr. Joe, Colleen Perkins, Bev Way, Janet Strebel, Eileen Gravani, Kerry Curran, Serge Etoga, Rick Hartman, Nancy Pringle, Chang Sik-Oh, Mary Lee Noden, Juan Arroyo, Beth Carroll, Casey Williamson, Erin Fetsko

Excused: Carl Franck, Matt Cooney, Sr. Mary,

**The following are the minutes that relate to Facilities Project Issues**

FPSC Presentation (Mike Redlin, Bill Perkins, Ellen Morris-Knowler)

Materials were distributed prior to the meeting for the PC to read. The PC is being asked to approve a recommendation from the steering committee. The question being asked is whether we should renovate the existing Parish Center or are we looking at building a new one. Right now the PC is being asked to approve the FPSC exploring the options and doing the work that will allow us to make that decision in the future.

Question was asked about renting space since this was a third option in the document. This option would only come into play if neither renovating the current space nor building a new space were viable options.

Fr. Joe pointed out that the Parish needs to know that not addressing the issues is actually costing money. Point was made that the timing of the Church renovation coincided with the recession. Fr. Joe shared that the Diocese plans on doing another campaign to support the various pension funds so this may also have an impact.

The FPSC is asking to be empowered to do the background leg work. The cost to do this work would mean eventually needing to do a feasibility study at a cost of approximately 12-18K. A year ago, the PC asked the FPSC to do the work in two stages; focus on the Church repairs first and then look at the needs of the Parish Center. Mike Redlin explained how a feasibility study is completed. It will take a year to do the leg work. We will need to inform the Parish community throughout the process so an informed decision can be made. The Financial Feasibility Study only looks at the fundraising potential. The essential question is why is the Parish Center vitally important to the functioning of the Parish? Once we know this, we can speak to the parishioners and see how they feel and how much they can support it. Then the question becomes how much can we spend and what resources do we have in reserve.

Fr. Joe summarized the question in the following way; How important is a Parish Center on a Church's campus to the vitality of the Parish community? Bev Way read the charge on page 1 of the Request for Approval. If additional resources are necessary, the FPSC will come back to the PC. Nancy Pringle made a motion to vote on the request and Juan Arroyo seconded the motion. The PC voted unanimously to have FPSC move forward as stated in their Working Goal Statement for 2010-2011 and to conduct the activities

shown in their preliminary work plan. Fr. Joe thanked Mike Redlin and the FPSC for the report and their work thus far. The FPSC may ask for joint meetings with Finance Council. The PC then discussed the possibility of charging the staff with writing bulletin inserts around building use.

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