

MINUTES – St. Rose of Lima Church Parish Stewardship Council
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
6:30 PM – Rectory

Present: Fr. John Dolan – Pastor/President
Joseph Advento – Chair
Patti Favela – Staff
Nancy Roth
Pat Piccone
Rosemarie Larson – Secretary

Guest: Deacon Charlie Frice

Meeting commenced at 6:35 pm with a prayer.

Items passed out prior to the meeting:

1. 2008 Stewardship Calendar
 2. Complete MGO List
 3. MGO Questionnaire
- Joseph updated us on the status of the PCS data system crash:
 1. Hard drive is currently at a data recovery service
 2. If anyone asks why there are delays (i.e. receipts, updates, Capital Campaign, etc.) please let them know what happened and sorry for the delays.
 - Ministry Fair 2008:
 1. We're starting the planning earlier this year
 - a. We need to set up a larger volunteer list
 - b. We need two key committees
 - i. Set-Up
 - ii. Take-Down
 - c. Joseph proposed that we have a workshop/seminar at this year's fair to be held during the day at the Parish Hall
 - i. Fr. John suggested that we have a major keynote speaker to appear at the workshop/seminar.
 - Deacon Charlie Frice RCIA Proposal:
 1. One of the concerns that the RCIA program has is finding sponsors. A proposal that Dea. Charlie has is that members of the various MGOs can be available not only to sponsor an RCIA candidate, but it also gives the candidates more accessibility to getting involved in parish life, as outlined in the requirements for RCIA candidates.
 - a. Gives them a sense of purpose
 - b. Gives MGO members an opportunity to be more involved in the RCIA process as spiritual mentors.
 2. Discussion ensued on set-up of this proposal. Some of the concerns are:

- a. Requirements for a person interested in sponsoring an RCIA candidate. Deacon Charlie stated that sponsors would not be directly involved in the catechetical dimension of the program – that would be the responsibility of the RCIA team. The MGO sponsorship would be a way for RCIA candidates to connect to parish life.
 - b. Fr. John stated that if a candidate did not want to be involved in parish life (they do have that choice), then other options for sponsors would need to be available.
 - c. Joseph suggested that the Executive Council of the PSC could go the the RCIA inquiry meetings, representing the 3-fold mission of the parish of Priest, King, and Prophet.
 - i. This would give the candidates a better idea as where they could discern their gifts and contribute to the parish.
 - ii. They could possibly take an assessment test on their talents.
 - iii. Fr. John suggested to just keep the test simple.
 - iv. Deacon Charlie reminded that the sponsors should have gone through all their Sacraments.
 - v. Fr. John suggested that once a stewardship discernment system is set up and put into place that we could use this assessment not only in RCIA, but for any member of the parish interested in being part of stewardship (most notably new parish members, the newly confirmed young adults, etc.)
3. Joseph asked Deacon Charlie if he could create a plan to present to the next PSC meeting.
- Involvement/Discernment for Members of the Parish:
 1. Fr. John suggested that he would like to see for new members of the parish a formatted registration booklet with the following:
 - a. Each of the four envelopes that the new parishioners are required to turn in have a prayer intention for each week.
 - b. A write-up on each week on the parish’s three-fold mission of Kingly, Priestly, and Prophetic.
 - c. On week 4 an evaluation/test/assessment that the new members fill out at the end of their probationary period that covers the mission of the parish.
 2. In regards to the new RCIA/MGO sponsorship proposal, there should also be a discernment process for those MGO members who are willing to become sponsors, in addition to a “screening” process for those members.
 - a. Fr. John suggested an option of putting a letter out to the members of our MGOs that we’re looking for sponsors, especially those who are interested in learning more about the Faith.
 - Executive Council of the PSC:
 1. Joseph pointed out the MGO Questionnaire that is being given to the Executive Council (EC) to pass out to all leaders of the MGOs.
 2. Results of this questionnaire should be available at the next PSC meeting.

- Capital Campaign:
 1. One of things that we would like to know from each of the MGOs is the percentage of membership from each group that has contributed to the Capital Campaign.
 - a. This would help in targeting certain MGOs in helping them increase their contribution levels.
 - b. Target levels: 100% response level
75% contribution level
 2. Due to the problems with our PCS system crash, we won't have some of these numbers until the end of May.
 3. We also plan to update the rosters/pledges every year so that we can get a better idea of our contribution levels.

- Reaching Out to Parishioners:
 1. The PSC should continue to inform MGOs that we still have our Meet and Greet program happening every Sunday.
 2. If any MGO is interested in signing up for 2008, they should contact Cory in the Parish office.
 3. We would like to have all leaders of MGOs attend our next PSC meeting in April to discuss:
 - a. the Ministry Fair 2008
 - b. the Capital Campaign contributions
 - c. RCIA/MGO sponsorship program
 4. Rosemarie Larson will set up a calling tree to contact all MGO leaders about this meeting.

- Next Meeting:
 1. Our next PSC meeting will be Wednesday, April 16th, 2008, at 6:30 pm at the new Rectory.
 2. Leaders of MGOs are asked to attend.
 3. Agenda: Discuss the upcoming events this year for the parish as discussed in the previous item.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm with a prayer from Fr. John.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie Larson – Secretary
St. Rose of Lima Parish Stewardship Council