

Saint John the Evangelist
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2006

Present:

Father Tom
Kathi Aldridge
Peg Creonte
Ed McCourt

Sister Evelyn
Jane Leonard
Steve Ulian
Steve Brown

John Calcio
Rick Kinney
David Flanagan
Ann O'Hearn

I OPENING PRAYER AND REFLECTION

II OLD BUSINESS

May minutes accepted.

III 2010 INITIATIVE

Father Tom spoke of the 2010 Initiative, an archdiocesan study of the Catholic school structure and operation. Professional consulting companies assessed both parochial and private schools, and an accounting firm evaluated fiscal practices. Some recommendations made for urban districts include a shift in governance toward a centralized administration, overseen by a superintendent, common curriculum standards, and pooled resources.. This would be a shift from the primarily parish based school.

In non-urban areas schools will be more parish based with a collaboration among schools in contiguous geographical areas. It is further suggested that school advisory boards would be replaced with boards of trustees.

Kathi Aldridge will represent Saint John the Evangelist at a meeting October 3 in Waltham. At the three scheduled meetings there will be a discussion of the various proposals for re-alignment of the Catholic schools' structures.

IV RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Jane Leonard reported that the religious education program is adequately staffed. The elementary program encompasses over 400 enrollees. The parish religious education program offers both Sunday and Wednesday classes in all grades. All teachers have received training. Christine Tierney and Christine Nowak, Youth Minister, are preparing lessons for the high school curriculum. Father Tom and Sister Evelyn expressed theirs and the parish's gratitude to Jane and her colleagues for all their efforts on behalf of the religious education program.

V UPCOMING PICNIC

An update from Steve Ulian, co-coordinator extraordinaire, was presented regarding the Parish Picnic. All appears to be in order for Sunday: tent, food and drink, moonwalks, petting zoo, pony ride, arts and crafts, et alia. Steve acknowledged the assistance of many parishioners who have donated food, drinks and their time in order to make the picnic a splendid event.

VI PPC NOMINATIONS

Two men and two women will be chosen by lot on October 15 after the Sunday five o'clock Mass. The two youth representatives will be selected by their respective ministry.

VII PARISH CENSUS

The need of a parish census was expostulated. It was suggested that a future PPC meeting should review a template of a census form. It was noted that Parishsoft has the ability to categorize parishioners into respective groups, for example, religious education students or lectors. One voiced the opinion that a letter requesting parishioners to respond to a census would be appropriate.

NEXT MEETING October 17, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.