

**St. John the Evangelist
Parish Pastoral Council
Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2008**

Attendees:

Fr. Tom Powers
Will Boyle
Bob Kelliher

Sister Evelyn Ronan
Sally Miller
Mary Gotgart
Kathi Aldridge

Ed McCourt
Joe Tierney
Peg Creonte

1. Opening Prayer and Reflection

2. Review and accept minutes from November '07 meeting

3. Stewardship Update and RENEW – Fr. Tom and Sr. Evelyn

An interim working group is working to brainstorm “stewardship”. One of the first decisions was that “stewardship” is not the correct name; recommending that the overall effort be termed the “2015 Project”, which indicates that the scope is broader than just financial. The group will try to put together a project proposal, including scope, objectives, and the relationship of this team to other structures within the parish such as the Finance Council and the PPC.

RENEW – Having to decided to go forward with the RENEW program, we are now seeking 8-10 people to focus on the leadership of the program, and are also seeking one overall coordinator. The target launch date for RENEW is September. This means that by September, natural groups to carry out RENEW discussions/activities should be identified, and leaders within those groups should also be identified (these are different than the 8-10 overall program leaders).

4. Grossman’s Update – Fr. Tom, Joe Tierney

A letter went out from St. John to the developer of the project, describing concerns with the project. Concerns mainly were safety for the St. John School community, and traffic patterns that may emerge as the project completes and hundreds of new residents move next door. No response was received as of yet; there is no news on the sale of the adjacent home.

5. A Church Continually Being Reborn – Fr. Tom, Sr. Evelyn

We held a general discussion around the report, and what our response as a parish should be. The diocese is looking for parishes to work internally to plan for themselves; there is no current plan to address the issue of a decreasing number of available parish priests within the Archdiocese at an overall archdiocesan level. There are multiple types of models that other parishes across the country are using to address the shortfall; these models include sharing parish priests across parishes,

increased role of lay leadership in core parish functions, etc. The report will be the key items for discussion at the next joint meeting of the PPC and Finance Council.

6. Eyes & Ears, Announcements - All

- Feb 9 Inter-council Meeting with Finance Council and PPC
- Feb/March meetings will be combined potentially; one meeting on Feb. 26
- Organ fundraising has reached its goal

7. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 26