

School Report
Parish Meeting
February 17, 2009

Our School Theme is: 50 Years of Faith Formation – Past, Present, Future

50 Fabulous Facts sheet will be sent to all parents in segments.

Our focus for this year centers on the strategic plan:

Spiritual:

- We had a prayer service per instructions from the diocese for ProLife on January 22nd.
- We are continuing to have stewardship projects throughout the year.
- Lent is approaching and we are focusing on that season. We are encouraging children to not only give up something but also to DO something during this prayer filled season.
- During CSW celebrations we had an Amazing Coin Race. Money collected will be donated back to the Parish Building fund or Roof fund.

Academic:

- A parent evening about testing will be held in February 26th in Milligan Hall. Ray Hildebrand from the diocese will be here to make a presentation and hopefully lend a better understanding for parents about the reason for testing and what schools do with the information.
- Testing for students in grades 3,5,6,7 will be March 2-13. This year we will use the Terra Nova and In View tests. This is Diocesan wide testing. We encourage parents to allow these students to have time for rest, eat properly and get exercise during these two weeks.
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- I continue to meet with the high schools and other elementary schools about calendar and educational issues.
- Diocesan Academic Competition will be held on March 10th at Thomas More College. Our students will be participating in Art, Science, Social Studies, Religion, Math and Speech.
- Report Cards will go home on March 5th marking the end of the second Trimester.
- Mrs. Raker and I are currently conducting our second round of teacher observations. These are drop in visits followed by conferences.

Personal:

- We have three programs to offer cultural exposure for the students. In Spring we will have a Sparkling Science program.
- We are looking forward to many activities at the end of the year. Field Days, Everybody Counts and Step Up days are a few.

Calendar Events:

- February 25 – Ash Wednesday Masses (K-4)8:00; (5-8) 10:00
- February 26 – Parent Information night – Testing; Milligan Hall 7:00pm

- February 27 – End of second trimester
- March 2-13 – Testing grades 3,5,6,7
- March 5 – Report Cards go home
- March 10 – Diocesan Academic Competition at TMC
- March 16 – Florence Freedom Assembly
- March 23-27 – Everybody counts Program
- March 27-April 3 – PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION
- April 8 – Spring Pictures
- April 8 – Progress Reports go home
- April 9-17 Spring Break
- April 20 – Women’s crisis Center talk for grades 5-8
- April 23 – Uniform Measurement 1-3:30
- April 30 – Sparkling Science Show
- May 1 – May Crowning at 8:00 mass
- May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 12 – Chorus program
- May 14 – Grade 8 trip to Dayton
- May 19-21 – Field Days
- May 25 – No School – memorial Day
- May 26 – Graduation 7:00
- June 5 – Last Day of school

Summary Report – PTG

February 17, 2009

The Gala was held on January 24. The PTG enjoyed a net profit of \$24,000. Plans are in the works for next school years’ event. Jennifer Lenihan will be the new chairperson. It will be held in the fall and will be themed “Night at the Races.”

Noble Romans is sponsoring a St. Pius School night on the 3rd Thursday of every month thru May. St. Pius receives 20% of the sales when St. Pius and the homeroom of your child (or children) are mentioned.

Proceeds from Market Day continue to be strong. To date we have earned \$3900.

St. Pius Board Of Total Education Committee Meeting Minutes

**February 17, 2009
7:00PM**

I. The meeting opened with following members in attendance: Dave Meier, Kevin Connor, Jill Heidrich, Kathy Quigley, Lisa Tabeling, Dave Gronotte, Steve Martin, and Lisa Zalla. Father Robbins, Miss Trenkamp, and Jonathan Schaefer were present for part of the meeting.

II. Old Business

A. AM/PM Drop Off Plan

1. Signs and cones were purchased by Steve Martin to assist with traffic flow and to keep people from parking on the school side in the afternoon. Three pair for \$120- one pair for in front of the school, one in front of the rectory, and one for the back parking lot.

2. Requests for permanent signs need to go through Mike Walker (&/or Maintenance Dept.) before we can officially put signs up.

- B. 50th Anniversary Tile Wall**
- 1. 200 tiles ordered from Color me Mine for \$2,000.**
 - 2. Decorating Day –Sunday, February 22, 2009 from 1pm-5pm in Milligan Hall.**
 - 3. Homerooms will decorate tiles last week of Feb. in Mrs. Walter’s art class.**
 - 4. Net profit will be donated to repair the Church roof.**
- C. Exit Interviews and Enrollment**
- 1. Interviews and report are completed and results will be reviewed with Miss Trenkamp and Father Robbins at later date.**
 - 2. Lisa Zalla proposed to give outgoing eighth grade class/parents exit survey, as well as “quick response” to any family not returning to 09/10 school year.**
 - 3. Enrollment numbers are not completely recorded yet, due to the inclement weather, as well as special requests from some parents.**
- D. Gym/PAC Usage**

- 1. Dave Gronotte is looking into new procedure and policy for facility usage. He will be looking into working with the Parish council, Athletic Dept., as well as other councils to consolidate efforts concerning this issue.**
- 2. This uniform policy will be used to prevent double booking the facilities.**

E. Ward Scholarship

- 1. Lisa Tabeling is putting this information together.**
- 2. This scholarship (\$4,000) is for all St. Pius 8th graders, as well as CCD students going into Covington Catholic, Notre Dame, Villa Madonna, and Covington Latin School.**
- 3. All applications are due in office by March 30, 2009.**
- 4. Parents are notified of decision May 1, 2009.**

F. Jill Heidrich and daughter has worked and completed the Crucifix Project in the

new gym. Prayers are now being said before basketball games.

G. Life Teen Youth Program

1. Jonathan Schaefer is still looking for leaders (age 18-39) and is promoting youth program to St. Pius 8th graders, as well as high school students.

2. 8th grade Ministry Fair is

Sunday, Feb. 22 at 7pm.

III. New Business

A. Mrs. Raker's Retirement

1. At 33 years of service to St. Pius, Mrs. Raker's only request is that people who would like to honor her retirement should give to the Debbie Day Scholarship Fund.

B. The Debbie Day Scholarship is the only one for students who are presently at St. Pius (grades k-7).

1. Possible future fundraising for Debbie Day Scholarship discussed.

C. Kathy Quigley is looking into the Paul Even Scholarship Fund for St. Pius students.

IV. At 8:00pm, Committee meeting ends. All committees reconvene to give summary reports. The next Parish meeting will be May 19, 2009.

St. Pius X Religious Education

Pre-School CCD—Is going well and starting to plan for the end of the year in May.

CLOW—Childrens Liturgy of the Word is going well. All children in 1st through 4th grade are welcome.

Baptism Team—The schedule for this coming year is being made. More volunteers are needed to help teach the Baptism classes. Materials are being updated as the old materials run out of stock.

CCD—167 registered for this year.

--We have two classes for every grade except 7th who does not have enough students for two classes. (So we have met our goal set at the beginning of year)

--CCD will be trying the Living Stations during Lent this year.

--CCD Classes are every Monday from 7-8:15 pm following the opening

RCIA—6 people are going forward to the Rite of Election next weekend (6:30 at Cathedral) next Sunday night.

--One is attending our sessions from MQH (7 total)

--Some have volunteered but others are still needed. Still looking for an intercessory team that will take time every week to pray for the candidates and sponsors.

--RCIA meets every Thursday at 7:00 pm in Meeting RM #1 and all parish members are welcome to come and learn more about the faith. Topics lists are in the RCIA bulletin board in the back of church and on the bulletin board in the hall

Sacramental Prep

--Confirmation Retreat went well in December and the Confirmation Ceremony in January went well with no problems. 93 8th graders were confirmed

Youth Ministry

--Young Adult Core Team is being put together (gathering names age 18-39)

--Adult volunteers are needed to help train and chaperone the Core Team

--Nominate any young adults that might be good in helping and help spread the word about Youth Events in the Parish.

--Group goes to the XLT at Thomas More every month and then the other meetings are here at St. Pius X.

- Looking for ideas to get more high school youth involved in the parish (Parish Youth Group has a facebook page...please sign up to be a member today
- Events will be posted in bulletin and on the youth section of bulletin board in the hallway outside the meeting rooms...and on facebook page
- Service Trips are being planned as well

Pro-Life Committee

- Baby Bottle campaign went well...looking for more members

Adult Education

- Bookrack in the back of church is slowly being worked over with new materials for parishioners to take home and learn more about their Catholic Faith.
- Lent Materials will be available this weekend to help everyone prepare for the Easter Season (one per family so that everyone can get some)
- Parish and Deanery Penance Service for the parish will be held on Tuesday, March 31st at 7 pm in the Church...we will have over 10 priests so please encourage everyone in the parish to attend this service. All Catholics should go to confession during Advent and Lent at least. Bishop will be here so we need to make sure that we get a good turnout to the service. (spread the word)

St. Pius X Church
Parish Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 2009
7:00pm

Present:

Fr. Tom Robbins		
Patrick McNickle	Mary Lynn Cropper	Lou Trauth
Mary Krahe	Chris Kent	Eric Wurzbacher
Sherry Hardin	Josh Ruth	Cheri Griffin

I. Opening Prayer:

The St. Pius Parish Council prayer was prayed together.

II. Fundraising Requests

- A. Little Sisters of the Poor request was approved.
- B. Daisy Scouts request to sell cookies approved, but not in Milligan Hall.
- C. Night at the Races/Casino Night (date 11/14/09, off sight location) approved, contingent on gaming license compliance. Eric Wurzbacher said it did comply.
- D. Tatiana concert request approved, will be funded by donations and sale of CDs. Dates in May to be finalized.

III. Diocesan Deanery Pastoral Council Annual Plan

- A. Steve Kopyay, St. Pius representative to the Diocesan Deanery Pastoral Council, discussed the Diocesan Annual Plan 2009-2010. He asked that the members affirm, not affirm or abstain from each objective statement presented.
- B. One member chose to not affirm the entire document based on vagueness.
- C. The Parish Council affirmed the remainder of the document with the following exceptions:
 1. Objective 7- not affirmed by one, two abstained
 2. Objective 10- not affirmed by one, two abstained
 3. Objective 20-not affirmed by one

IV. Parish Survey

- A. Presentation of results to date (approx. 100) showed these outstanding trends:
 1. 84% of respondents are likely or will possibly become more involved in the parish.
 2. 73% feel communication in the weekly bulletin is effective.
- B. Additional Survey Solicitation will continue for 6 months.
 1. The survey remains on the website and the possibility of using a link to an interactive website will be investigated.
 2. Posting results of several responses to date may increase participation.

St. Pius X Parish
Finance Committee Minutes
February 17, 2009

Attendees: Phil Wehrman, Amy Guenther, Emily Huber, Marshall Liberman, Stan Micek, Mike Walker, Fr. Robbins (for part of meeting)
Absent: Julie McCauley

Cash

Confirmed all accounts at First Security are protected with a combination of FDIC-insured, collateralized accounts and CDARs. Mike will monitor balances and Finance Committee will review monthly. Amy will ask PTG Treasurer to consider moving the PTG account to a different bank to maximize FDIC insurance.

External Audit – 07/08

Auditor Report from Mountjoy & Bressler should be available by March meeting.

Debt

Tom Bowers recommended a re-structure of the debt given current economic conditions. Finance Committee thanked Tom for all the time he invested in this project and approved the proposal.

Tuition

Diocese instructed Parishes to not announce any tuition changes until further instruction is received. Update: Two days after this meeting, the Diocese announced all schools must hold their 08/09 tuition rates for 09/10. No increases allowed.

Monthly Financial Statement Review

- No major issues noted.
- All departments are currently under budget on year to date spending.
- All discretionary spending should be deferred until fiscal year end to make sure budget can be met.

Budget 09/10

- All department heads should write a brief narrative of plan for any large expenditure in 09/10.
- Assistant Principal will be part time position in 09/10.
- DPAA surplus will be allocated to roof fund.
- Finance Committee recommends any purchase over \$5000 needs special approval from Fr. Robbins.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, March 18 at 7pm