

**SPN Pastoral Council Meeting
March 8, 2010**

Present:

**Fr. Saloy
Larry Dyess
Beth Johnson
Jean Turner**

**Rebecca Derbes
Mike Falati
Grant Pollet
Trey Green**

Mary Spain

Opening Prayer

The meeting was opened at 7:35 with a prayer led by Grant Pollet.

Approval of Minutes

Rebecca moved that the February minutes be accepted as presented. Larry seconded. All approved.

Fr. Saloy's Update

Jean reported that several parishioners had approached her with problems about using the meeting rooms in the Parishioners' Center for early childhood education classes. Father reported that he is trying other alternatives such as the temporary classrooms that were used during the construction of Holy Cross School. Growth potential for the school is in the lower grades since several high schools are accepting middle school students. Ideally, a new building would be the answer but having a capital campaign at this time is not possible. Using the meeting rooms will be a temporary situation until other arrangements can be made.

A representative of Barriere Construction presented an estimate to fix the crack in the blacktop near the entrance to the school and other needed repairs. The cost seems reasonable.

Payment on the upgraded sound system has been completed.

Ruby Kirsch Update

Mrs. Ruby Kirsch, principal of the Parish School of Religion, reported that forty students pre-registered for Confirmation. Approximately 46 students are expected.

A living Way of the Cross will be presented by the students on March 22.

She and Debbie Kirsch, Coordinator of Religious Education for the school, will be attending a workshop on the new religion books being introduced by Sadlier Publishers.

Jean Turner's Update

The anniversary book is close to completion. Five people who are not scheduled to receive a free book have pre-ordered a copy.

Since we are unsure if the names of the members of the parish who are serving in the military listed in the bulletin are still accurate, we will remove all of the names and invite relatives to resubmit the names of those who are still on active duty.

Old Business

Trey reported that there was a profit of \$4,700 from the fish fry.

He also reported that the theme for this year's fair will be St. Philip Neri Celebrates the Black and Gold. The Top Cats and Five Finger Discounts will play.

New Business

Father Maestri, former superintendent of schools, has written a book on Katrina. Archbishop Hughes has asked each parish to place an order.

Mary reported that a parishioner suggested a notice be placed in the bulletin asking people to refrain from leaving Mass until the Eucharist is returned to the tabernacle.

Mike stated that several ministry leaders expressed concern about their e-mail addresses being made public on the parish web site.

The meeting was closed at 8:45 with a prayer led by Fr. Saloy.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Johnson