

Meeting Synopsis - February 20, 2007

Present: Steve Binsfeld (rector), Mike Boyle, Deb Castellanos (secretary), Ann Cofell (trustee), Peter Donohue (trustee), Tom Gaetz (president), Vonnie Ibes, Mary Kigin, Suzanne Owen, Karen Reisdorf, Tim Secman. **Not Present:** Joanne Harguth, George Sjogren (staff).

1. Father Steve presented the school report. Things are going well. Enrollment expected to maintain next year. Fourteen new kindergarteners. Some discussion of the music program and the possibility of exposing the children to adult musicians who would give performances on their particular instruments, as is done in the public schools under a grant. Tom will explore.
2. Father Steve presented the administrative report. George will begin to work for the Diocese as Development Director on March 5. He will work for the parish 2-4 hours per week. Diane Reynolds is hired as receptionist from 1-4 PM Monday-Thursday. When the new pastor takes charge, jobs for several positions are to be shared between the three parishes. Job descriptions are being drawn up by an ad hoc task force--chief financial officer, bookkeeper, and administrative assistant. Father Tony and his associate will be living on the third floor of the Saint Mary's rectory.
3. Area wide planning update--the March 13 meeting with Bishop Kinney will be open to all parishioners. This will include a presentation on opportunities in collaboration and how to manage collaboration in clustering parishes. Parish staffs, and parish council members are asked to attend. Parishioners are also encouraged to take part.
4. Tom suggested that we put work on standing committees to rest until Father Tony can participate.
5. Ann reported on last Sunday's very beneficial dialogue with Latino and Somali immigrants. Interpreters were at each table so guests could tell their stories. Ann was struck by their commitment to family, despite adversities and hardships. Many stories relayed ongoing fear and separation from family. Families were focused on the children. This dialogue was part of GRIP, ministries coming together to work towards justice.
6. A contract has been signed with *Tonic Sol Fa* and *Ring of Kerry* for this September's block party.
7. Tom had informally asked members to review the Saint Mary's web site. Each council member took a printout of a webpage with them to review for next month's meeting.
8. Vision 2000 will be complete by the end of June. Tom presented pictures on the plans for the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and moveable walls between gathering space and chapel will be constructed so that the entire chapel can be used for major receptions following large liturgies.
9. Next meeting on March 20 at 7:30 PM.