

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 28, 2010

Board members present were: Mary Patnode, Harlan Johnson, George Marx, Tim Lorenz, Tom Baker, Sarah Berscheit, Pete Roddy, Terri Roddy and Michelle Bartley by teleconference. Also present were Father Mike, Father Don and Mary Jo Dickinson. The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Discussions were as follows:

Finance/Administrative Reports - Mary Jo Dickinson

Year to date budgeted income was \$445,410. Actual income was \$418,192. Budgeted expenses year to date were \$453,339. Actual expenses year to date were \$432,395.

Window replacement in the worship space has been completed for the time being.

CPL returns to date – 440 returns of the 2320 sent, with financial commitments of \$763,948. A mailing will go out the second week of November to all households who have not responded but have contributed \$500 in the past. The Council hopes to receive at least 1000-1200 returns in all. Mary Jo stated that she thought we would get more information from the CPL company, but she is somewhat satisfied with the process so far. The weekly envelope system should be working by the first of the year and those that committed to monthly giving will receive a monthly reminder.

We have received 400 commitments to Ministry along with the monetary commitments. The department heads will be asked to contact these volunteers.

The Archdiocese recommends reserves of 60-90 days for expenses. For SJTW, that equals approximately \$450,000. The actual STJW YTD reserve totals \$756,000. Our lender recommends six months of reserves, so we are in line with the lender recommendation.

Why are you a member of St. Joseph the Worker?

Michelle asked each council member to introduce himself and state why he came to STJW and what keeps him here. Common words and phrasing were: welcoming, friends, good fit, environment, music, community, involvement, growth, small groups, feel at home, can't imagine not being here, life giving, "you sustain me", growing opportunities, challenge, delightful and exciting.

Parish Visioning Planning

The council does not want this to "die". The meeting on November 18, 2010 will be devoted solely to this subject. Fathers Mike and Don may ask Dianne to give us additional help with small groups to prioritize and give direction to each area of ministry.

Father Mike and Father Don

Fathers Mike and Don extended a personal invitation to all council members to attend the DVD presentation on November 1st for the Forgiveness Project that explores the process of forgiveness. They also reminded the council of the three-day retreat that will be held on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday after Thanksgiving that will teach the steps of forgiveness and how to forgive. STJW will host a Forgiveness Project display for the two weekends of November 6/7 and November 13/14.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Roddy