

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2010

Board members present were: Mary Patnode, Harlan Johnson, Tim Lorenz, Tom Baker, Pete Roddy, Terri Roddy, Michael Farrelly, Tony Johnson and Michelle Bartley (in person). Also present were Father Mike, Father Don and Mary Jo Dickinson. The meeting was called to order at 8:15 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 \$638,933. Actual income was \$567,189. Budgeted expenses year to date were \$642,776. Actual expenses year to date were \$603,211.

Painting projects in the chapel, worship space and bell tower are under consideration

CPL returns to date – 482 returns of the 2320 sent, with financial commitments in excess of \$829,283. A mailing will go out the last week of November and the first week of December to all households who have not responded. Packets will be placed in the pews in December. The goal is to have at least 600 households commit to the parish.

386 parishioners have committed to 1060 ministries.

SJTW has not yet received the first Catholic Services Appeal refund. Stole fees are \$3300 under budget. The one-year fund drive pledges will be fulfilled by December 2010. Five to six percent of the pledged amount is not expected to be received.

Parish Visioning Planning

This entire meeting was dedicated to the Parish Visioning Next Steps. There was much discussion on our intentionality-why we are doing what we're doing and our objective. The Council's intention was to send our objective and direction to the Boards of the parish this month, asking for their input and suggestions on how their ministries can get us to this objective.

- Where do we see ourselves in five years?
- To what do we want to evolve?
- How do we engage and encourage others to participate?
- What triggers are needed to get more participation from the parish community?
- In what ways are we celebrating Jesus Christ?
- What can we do to see the Church as Everything?

The Council discussed the Example for the "Connect" Objective. Due to time constraints and the multitude of suggestions and opinions, it was decided to continue this discussion at the next meeting in January 2011, but Fathers Mike and Don requested that, if at all possible, this topic be discussed in Small Group Communities before the next Council meeting, thereby gaining the opinions of others in the parish.

Father Mike and Father Don

Fathers Mike and Don extended a personal invitation to all council members to attend the Parish Retreat-The Big Question-the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (11/28-11/30) after Thanksgiving at 7:00 p.m. by Presenter, Father Frank Desiderio.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Roddy