

Pastoral Council Meeting

Minutes 10/18/2007

Opening Prayers

-Laura (Phelan) Schafer will be replacing Paul Marchese as the Music Director 11/1/07 (Paul has accepted a full time position elsewhere)

-Discussion on ways to increase unity in church, starting with us.

Small gestures and participation some ways to help

-Terms of office: Father recommended amending Pastoral Foundation Statement to propose replacing 1/3 of committee each year, still keeping 3 year terms.

-Jill gave finance update

OLD BUSINESS

-Work Day this Saturday, will hopefully be removing garage skylights and finishing basement trim, among other projects

-Capital Campaign for Elevator update given

Campaign paperwork going well, no date set to start actual construction

-No update on Crucifix at this time

-Rental Hall Policy: Changes made to policy, will try to implement, parish only rental with no alcohol, on a discretionary (?) basis. Father will draft a letter to parishioners, to be considered at next meeting and Lisa will work on amending current contract.

-Mission copy discussion-see attachment of ours, St. Thomas More's and suggestion by Laura, will consider and amend at next meeting

-Lighting replacement project to start 10/22/07

NEW BUSINESS

--Father contacted by Library Board asking if we would possibly consider selling land to them. After discussion by committee, it was decided that the timing is really not good and the overall idea was not one we wanted to consider at this time. Father will let them know

-'Catholic Study' pamphlet will be included in next month's info and will be incorporated into unity discussion next meeting.

MISSION STATEMENTS

St. Catherine's:

St. Catherine of Genoa is a Roman Catholic Faith Community of the Diocese of Rockford, Illinois, united in our acceptance of Christ and His way to eternal life. Our three-fold purpose is 1) to foster and nurture our Christian faith by public prayer and worship, by the Mass, by receiving the Sacraments 2) by a program of family and parish catechetical instruction, by a program of evangelization reaching out to all in the community 3) by a program of social action showing our care, reaching out to people hurting, or in need, sharing our blessings, imitating Christ and seeing Him in our neighbor. We recognize that Christ and the Holy Spirit are with us to guide and direct us in union with the Catholic Church on our journey to eternal happiness.

St. Thomas More's:

As Gospel stewards, grateful for what God has given, St. Thomas More Catholic community commits itself to the renewal of parish life through evangelization, worship, outreach to the poor and community living.

Laura's:

The mission of St. Catherine of Genoa is to provide strong spiritual guidance through the Catholic Faith, reach out to the community to provide help and support to those in need and provide a strong base to our children, in their faith through a strong religious education.