

Minutes of the Finance and Administration Commission Meeting, Tuesday, September 22, 2009

Present : Bill Bergan, Carl Bern, Patrick Clem, Bill Dilla, Anne Krapfl, Bobby LeBlanc, Diane Lyon, Sara Oftelie, Peter Orazem. Misty Prater guest

Prayer: Bobby LeBlanc gave the prayer.

Minutes were approved as amended.

Issue concerning Doran Clinic advertisement in the Church Bulletin: Misty Prater

- A parishioner reported that the staff at the Doran Clinic were unable or unwilling to provide up-to-date information on natural family planning. Information was limited to a 1945 copyrighted brochure. In addition, the staff seemed insensitive to the desire to practice natural family planning. Should the Clinic be prevented from advertising in the Bulletin?
- FAC was uneasy about restricting advertising on the basis of church teaching
 - STA does not receive the advertisement business directly. Instead, businesses contact the bulletin publisher. That does not provide us a chance to evaluate whether the business follows Catholic teachings.
 - Chances are many businesses may conflict with one or more aspect of Catholic teachings – we are not prepared to conduct such evaluations.
 - That said, the strategy taken below to consult with the firm regarding policies that conflict may be a way to encourage firms to bring their policies in line. Unclear is whether we would drop advertisers that do not adjust their business practices.
- Rather than regulate advertising, FAC suggested it would be better to register the complaint with the Doran Clinic and to work with them to provide better materials and advice.
 - Misty will consult with Tim Leeds about possible changes in Clinic policy and materials.
 - STA should be prepared to purchase or produce materials and to inform parishioners about the availability of natural family planning information. We could have a directory of local OB-GYN practitioners that provide satisfactory information on natural family planning.

Alumni Relations and Development: Diane Lyon

- Looking to add members
- Examining how to do mailings more cheaply
- Announcement of a chair last meeting was premature. Alumni Relations and Development Chair is still undecided
- Faculty Staff Social will be October 1.

Budget: Bobby LeBlanc for Ina Couture

- Ina says we are in great shape at this stage of the fiscal year. We are \$17K in the black.

Church Business: Bobby LeBlanc

- Deacon Paul Brown is leaving for Auburn in November
- Custodian will be back to work on October 1. Staff chipped in to help pay his medical insurance expenses.
- Bobby is looking at improving signs that provide directions in the building.

- The Basement Sale earned \$4430 that will be added to the general fund.
- The Gallup appeal earned \$7265.
- Summary of stipend findings
 - They are almost always used for students and not for resident parishioners. That seems sensible inasmuch as students need money more than resident parishioners.
 - Catechists are supposed to receive a stipend according to archdiocesan policy.
 - Some stipends are offered to out of town speakers
 - Bobby will draft a policy statement regarding stipends to be reviewed at the next FAC meeting.

Building and Grounds: Bobby LeBlanc for Gene Noem

- Fall Cleanup is October 24
- October 4 between the Masses, Carl Bern and two landscape architects will evaluate cutting into the hill to add additional spaces and/or improve traffic patterns in the upper parking lot. This would be redesigned in anticipation of resurfacing the asphalt next year. FAC members with an interest should participate in the walk around.
- Bobby is pricing air handler controls in place of the current manual temperature controls to avoid overcooling the lower lounge.
- It will cost \$500 to clean the upstairs carpets

Stewardship: Bobby LeBlanc for David Holm

- Numbers were down for the Ministry Fair and Stewardship is wondering if a new approach is needed. Parishioners know the information and students seemed to hurry through to avoid the temptation of participation.
- Stewardship is contacting parishioners to give the appeal which will take place the first weekend in November.
- Question of whether pledge cards would be used. Our past discussions centered on making the cards more central to the process—filling them out in the pews. Peter will forward the past discussion from the minutes.
- February 12 will be the Appreciation Party – Mardi Gras and Hurricanes will be featured.

Personnel: Sara Oftelie

- Has not yet heard from Lynn Osterberg regarding the Personnel Handbook review.
- Kris Egan is putting paperwork together for another intern. Deadline is October 30 for the Greenlee School.

Minutes submitted by Peter Orazem