

CHURCH OF THE HOLY APOSTLES



Minutes

CHA Parish Pastoral Council

December 20, 2011

The meeting began at 6:50 pm with opening prayer by Fr. Jim.

Chair Bill Squicciarini noted that the goal of tonight's meeting was to review our mission statement and have a brainstorming session of things that were most important to us as Parish Community.

Tom Rekus gave us some statistics regarding where we are now as a parish (attached).

Observations were focused on:

- Regardless of the many good reasons we have (priest turnover, inability to start a building campaign, parents paying higher tuition, bad economic times), we are not growing.
- We have been good stewards of what we have been given, being one of the small percentage of parishes who are in the black.
- Regardless of reasons, attendance at Mass matters to show that we are a viable and needed parish. If we are going to be allowed to build we must increase our sustainability.
- How do we find out why people leave and why new people join?
- We cannot do what we want if we don't increase our numbers/presence in the community/get out of the box.
- We need to become more of a spiritual center in our community to enable our growth and security.

Rob Miller began with a discussion on the various parts that make up our guiding principles. We agreed that a mission statement is a short "sound bite" that everyone in the parish should know and be able to spit out. This would be a fundamental purpose for our organization. We discussed our current mission and it was voted unanimously that we would shorten our current mission statement to read: "We endeavor to bring the Good News of salvation to all people." Fr. Jim will make an announcement to that effect and will put it in the bulletin.

Rob then went on to lead a brainstorming session about the needs of our parish/our strengths/our desires for the parish. An ad hoc committee was formed to categorize the pages of ideas into more manageable categories and to develop vision statements based on them. These will then be presented to the parish community for comment before the PPC undertakes them for a vote. The ad hoc committee consists of Rob Miller, Joe Newell, Roy Yenoli, and Robin Sexton.

Bill thanked all for their active participation in the meeting and Robin closed the meeting with prayer. Hospitality followed.

The Leadership Team will meet on January 12, at 6:30 pm at the Squicciarini home.

Respectfully submitted by Robin Sexton, Secretary, 12/20/11.

Registered Households			
Year	Number	Change	%
2000	136		
2002	237	101	74%
2003	302	65	27%
2004	380	78	26%
2005	391	11	3%
2006	425	34	9%
2007	456	31	7%
2008	460	4	1%
2009	462	2	0%
2010	472	10	2%

Budget			
Year	Estimated	Actual	Difference
2003	-	-	
2004	\$ 307,000	\$ 303,980	\$ (3,020)
2005	\$ 389,070	\$ 361,663	\$ (27,407)
2006	\$ 417,057	\$ 357,420	\$ (59,637)
2007	\$ 404,274	\$ 400,047	\$ (4,227)
2008	\$ 429,251	\$ 430,887	\$ 1,636
2009	\$ 449,200	\$ 395,078	\$ (54,122)
2010	\$ 397,193	\$ 392,351	\$ (4,842)
2011	\$ 392,500	\$ 365,317	\$ (27,183)

Sacrificial Giving as a % of Budget			
2005			
	Households	%	Budget
>\$70	19	5%	23%
\$40 - \$69	36	8%	24%
\$10 - \$39	166	36%	52%
< \$10	141	31%	2%
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2008-2009			
	Households	%	Budget
>\$70	10	2%	9%
\$40 - \$69	34	7%	23%
\$10 - \$39	175	38%	54%
< \$10	194	42%	12%
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2010			
	Households	%	Budget
>\$70	13	3%	13%
\$40 - \$69	31	7%	23%
\$10 - \$39	150	32%	51%
< \$10	141	30%	10%
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Sacrificial Giving Participation			
Year	Registered	Giving	%
2005	391	362	93%
2008-9	461	413	90%
2010	472	335	71%

Ministry Covenants for 2010 -- 80 households (17%)