

SJA Pastoral Council

Minutes

Aug. 5, 2009

Members Present: Vicki Underland-Rosow, Jean Chagnon, Christopher Hermann, Elaine Hauff, Ellen Velasco-Thompson, Peter Eichten, Jim Cassidy, Jim DeBruycker. New Member, Pj Doyle

I. **OPENING PRAYER:** Was led by Christopher.
All read mission statement.

II. **Agenda Additions:** Holy Name Catholic Schools

Review of the Year: Jean did a brief review of all the things the Council did over the past year. It was quite impressive.

III. **Old Business:**

- 1) **Council Goals for 2009/10:** Jean had sent out a draft of goals for the coming year. The group reviewed the goals and with just a few minor adjustments the document was accepted as our goals for the coming year. out a document listing the members of this team: Council; nine staff members; and 10 parishioners at large.

IV. **New Business:**

- 1) **PC/Staff Gathering:** The Council members and the staff usually meet sometime in August or Sept for an evening. Jean asked for a volunteer to help work on this years meeting. Pj volunteered. Peter will let her know when the planning team will meet.
- 2) **Archdiocesan Planning Process:** Jean, Ellen, and Jim all reported on the meeting in late June. The issues seem to be ethnic diversity, Catholic Schools, and the priest shortage and how all of this works into the future of the Archdiocese and how can we work together to resolve these issues. There was a concerned raised in the small groups about the large debts many suburban parishes have and they are now coming to inner city parishes asking for help.
- 3) **Holy Name – Catholic Schools:** Ellen raised the question of SJA supporting a South Minneapolis Catholic School, perhaps Holy Name. This seems to be one of the issues the Archdiocese has with its planning process. There was discussion about this, but no resolution was reached. It was felt that beginning a conversation on this topic would be appropriate.

Looking Ahead:

Sept. 3, 2009: Parish Council and Staff Gathering 4:30 – 6:00 Council meeting 6:00 – 9:00 meal and gathering with staff.

October 1, 2009: Parish Council meeting HH 4:30 – 6:00
Vision Team meeting 6:00 – 7:30.

The Council then was served a fantastic dinner. Thank you to our hosts Robin and Jean for arranging this most delightful evening in Woodbury.

Next meeting is Thur. Sept. 3, 2008, 4:30 – 9:00 pm Hospitality
Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Eichten