

## PPC Meeting Notes – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2007

**Attendees:** Celeste Braga, Rosalyn McHugh, Gerry McDonald, Dawn Cassie, Shelia Mahoney, Phil Ricuitti, Mary Billings, Frank Ramsbottom, Lisa Braga, Fr. Joel

**Search for new Pastor:** Fr. Walter gave an update on the status of upcoming Parish Changes: Still no news on a new Pastor from the Archdiocese. Fr. Joel will continue to be with us for 2 years (5 days Hudson, 2 days Framingham). With Fr. Joel and Fr. Francis, the Mass schedule should be adequately covered. The Diocese is still looking for a Pastor and Portuguese Priest and hopefully the search will end soon.

**Update on the Finance/PPC Letter:** Some of the PPC members were approached by parishioners about the financial statements in the letter, that "now that the schools are self sufficient no money goes to the schools" was incorrect. (One report showed that \$70,000.00 went to the schools). It was suggested that perhaps the letter could of been more explicit and stated that this is the first year that the schools were self sufficient. People are concerned with where donations are going and the Parish (PPC and Finance Committee) need to make this clear to our parishioners. Visibility to the Parish financial statements, including the distribution of the savings funds, would be helpful. PPC will need to follow up with a letter to address any misleading comments in the original letter.

### Activities Committee June 5th Meeting

Meeting scheduled for 6-22-07 at 7pm to wrap up Fr. Walter's goodbye event and to gather more details for the parish picnic. Last meeting (June 5th) we invited members of each ministry and there was not a good turn out. Next Parish Picnic Planning meeting scheduled for 7 July. Rosalyn to contact all the ministry chairpersons again to ask for their participation.

### Stewardship Update

Shelia is stating that stewardship does not exist and that this needs to be spoken from the altar. Stewardship needs to be revisited when new pastor is assigned. Fr. Joel suggested that a Ministry Fair could be successful. Lisa stated that maybe after the picnic is completed we could have a ministry fair and serve lunch. Have booths set up with "complete" literature for that specific ministry so that it is simple for people to take it home and review it. No pressure. The literature does need to list what the commitment would be for the individual.

### Religious Ed Update

- Schedules are completed and Gerry is hoping to get the registrations in the mail soon.
- Looking for suggestions that make it easier but clear to parents that they have to pay but if they are truly unable, the Parish can address the issue. Suggestions: Offer a payment plan, Adopt a RE student, Scholarships, etc.

**Other notes of interest:** PPC will schedule a meeting once a new Pastor (or administrator) is assigned so that we can ensure we are all on aligned moving forward.