

**PPC Meeting Minutes 7pm- 9pm**  
**2/15/2012**

**Attendees:** Fr. Francis Li, Wendy Sin, Roger Krohe, Lawrence Wong, John Lin, Sheila Lin, Jade Yee, Christine Delfin, and Joe Delfin

**Opening Prayer:** Fr. Francis Li

**Sharing:** Discussion on Chicago Tribune's article "The Bishops aren't alone" Religious Liberty: What are your views?

**Reports**

**A. Finance**

- ❖ 6 month report will be presented by Nick Andriacchi on the weekend ( February 18-19,2012)
- ❖ Financially, we are doing pretty well. Our Net Ordinary Operating Surplus is at \$25,529.00, with a net on the extraordinary surplus of \$33,707.00. So our grand total for the 6 month net surplus is \$59,236.00.
- ❖ There are capital projects that will be focused on: paying off the tuck-pointing—the figures are not finalized- took out a loan from the Archdiocese. The roof of the rectory needs to be fixed; The Church Windows (frames) needs to be changed/replaced/fixed.

**B. Archdiocese Parishes Leadership Day ( February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012)**

- ❖ 9 people to attend
- ❖ Wendy Sin will send out a reminder to those that would still like to attend
- ❖ Will have a quick report by the next meeting

**C. Lent**

- ❖ Decorating will start on February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 after the 9:30am Mass. We will take down the Lunar New year decorations and decorate for Lent.
- ❖ Ash Wednesday(February 22,2012) will have 3 gatherings ( 8am; 10am with the school; and 7pm)
- ❖ Fridays during Lent: A light meal will be served at 6P.M., followed by the Stations of the Cross; afterwards we will have a short discussion "sharing" where we will watch conversion videos, and discuss the video.
- ❖ Operation Rice bowl will begin the first week of Lent (February 25- 26, 2012). It will be distributed at all masses.
- ❖ Lenten Service Project: St. James Food Pantry, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, 8am. Wendy Sin to confirm the date
- ❖ Parish Retreat will be held on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 2:30pm in the community room, followed by the communal reconciliation in church from 2:30pm to 3:30pm.
- ❖ Fr. Li will write up information in the bulletin about Lent
- ❖ CCD reconciliation March 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 –Christine Delfin to confirm
- ❖ CCD children on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, will serve pancake/breakfast

**D. Year of Teens and Young adults**

- ❖ Upcoming activities with teens:
  - Joe Delfin and Steven Cottam is in the process of starting with the parish kids the silhouette stations of the cross ( March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012)
  - Living stations with the school Kids ( Good Friday, April 6<sup>th</sup>,2012)
  - There is a skating party March 10,2012 and potentially a bowling party on March 18<sup>th</sup>,2012
  - Wants to continue with the visitation of 7 churches on Holy Thursday. Open to the whole parish presented by the teens; looking at churches on the north side
  - Looking at different transportation methods.
  - Teens are regularly going to St. James food pantry each month
- ❖ Should involve the parish more on the things that the teens are doing, so that the parish will know what is happening. Suggested to write in the bulletin the activities and such. We need more publicity and more communication(a teen corner in the bulletin)
- ❖ Teens and Young Adults coordinators meeting will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm to come up with ideas on how to find activities geared towards young adults and teens. So far it seems they need a push and encouragement.
- ❖ PPC members were each given the goal of finding one niece/nephew/cousin/friend to join.
- ❖ Have more teens involved with the mass, maybe choir

- ❖ We need to find ways to the young adults and teens to get a feel that this is their spiritual home.
- ❖ Larry Wong suggests that we setup a long term plan- focusing on our resources to help the teens and young adults i.e. provide various activities such a tutoring. Because teens are eager to learn and explore. So we would need to find areas that can help the teen and young adults to have faith development

#### **E. Catechists Certification**

- ❖ The course will be held at St. Therese Church. The title of the course is “Revelation through Scriptures and Tradition” Course dates are March 3, 2012 and March 10, 2012 from 9am to 2:30pm.
- ❖ Joe Delfin to coordinate sign-up sheet.
- ❖ The course is free for the parishioners and the catechist of St. Therese.
- ❖ The Archdiocese wants the catechists to all be certified. Currently we have 4 catechist that are certified, 5 more people need certification
- ❖ In total they would need to take 5 courses each course, or 10 hrs . Some places offer 2-day courses of 5 hrs each week

#### **F. RCIA --- Rite of Election**

- ❖ Will take place on February 26,2012, 2:30pm at Holy Name Cathedral
- ❖ There are 3 English- and 2 Mandarin-speaking candidates
- ❖ We should get to know them and get them involved

### **Evaluations**

#### **A. Lunar New Year Celebration**

- ❖ Many people attended, the choir loft was filled as well as the back area
- ❖ it was a beautiful liturgy
- ❖ During the ancestral rites we need someone to guide/coordinate
- ❖ Suggested to have 2 long urns (troughs) next year
- ❖ The incense were burned quickly, next year suggested longer/thicker incense or light them later
- ❖ Suggested that the older altar servers to assist with the ancestral rites
- ❖ Intercessions took too long: should have the whole group all bow together, and stand in line on the sanctuary to read the prayer of faithful, and when finished, all come down together and bow.
- ❖ Question proposed: was it good to have the liturgy alongside to the parade? Wasn't a big issue, the mass was still prayerful ; the visitor that participated were mostly Catholic

#### **B. Super Duper Bowl**

- ❖ Festive—the audio and video were good
- ❖ More people attended – mainly people who bought squares
- ❖ More buyers this year and sold out the tickets, rather than having a generous donor to pick up the remaining tickets.
- ❖ A lot of food was provided and we only spent \$350.00 for food (budgeted \$500)
- ❖ Profit will be announced later

### **Planning**

#### **A. Holy Week**

- ❖ April 1<sup>st</sup>,2012 (Palm Sunday)Father Nick will come and celebrate the mass in Cantonese
- ❖ Holy Thursday: Washing of the Feet
- ❖ Possible retreat topic with renewing our lives—having the focus on how the Triduum can renew our lives
- ❖ Do we need to publicize Holy Week? Suggested that we put the information in the Bridgeport Newspaper as community news instead of placing an ad, because it is more economical.
- ❖ We would like to have better attendance during Holy Thursday and Good Friday.
- ❖ Jennifer Chan has been working on the slides containing the stations of the cross, but these will not be finished in time.
- ❖ Jay McMahon is working on DVDs for the Stations of the Cross, which will be ready by next week.
- ❖ Contemporary mass will be held on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>

#### **B. Year of Teens and Young Adults**

- ❖ Needs better implementation of the plans - One challenge is priority issues with the leaders, which is one of the reasons why there is a lack of initiative

- ❖ Young adult needs to have a push , a schedule
- ❖ Teen activities need more than 8<sup>th</sup> graders involved, we need to also include the teens in the Parish
- ❖ Needs service activities such as going to a veteran hospital/nursing home
- ❖ Maybe have the parish collect items and let teens/young adults deliver them to charity so that it is both a teen/young adult and parish activity.

**C. “Renew Our Lives in Christ”**

- ❖ Suggested to put in the bulletin to share some reflection ideas and wisdom; questions on our theme. Proposed that each ministry group will formulate questions and discussions for the week, and share these thoughts and insights. Some suggested questions are:
  - Are there concrete ways in which we can renew our Lives (service projects)?
  - In our own ministries, how do they help you to renew your life in Christ?
  - Why do we need to renew our Lives? Are we aware of our blessings?
 Will identify and get groups involved.—Wendy Sin to send out an email to the group
- ❖ Since our theme is “Renew our Lives in Christ” we should emphasize our theme to the community, so starting with Lent, the response during the prayer of faithful will be “Lord hear us, and renew our Lives...” Jade Yee to send out an email to the Lectors advising them of the change.

**Other Matters**

- ❖ PPC structure
  - PPC council provides the vision. We need to see the big picture in things
  - Still need officers selected
  - Still need to finalize and formalize the members. Status check:
    - Larry Wong and Roger Krohe are our new members of the PPC
    - Sharon Wong—can’t do Wednesdays
    - Will talk with Cita, Mike, and Richard
    - Father Li needs more suggestions on people. Ideally people who are not heavily involved ; we need people who are available, responsible, and committed
 Hopefully able to finalize by the end of Lent
- ❖ Benediction will be done on special occasions – the next Benediction will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> after the Stations of the Cross; and the next Benediction will be held in June for Corpus Christi

**Closing Prayer:** Roger Krohe

**Next meeting:** March 21, 2012, 7pm in the Community Room.