

ST. TIMOTHY PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
October 2, 2013 Minutes

PRESENT: Father Jacob, Paul Stratman, Rick Harvey, Sue Keller, Miriam Burkart, and Jeremy Hayden.

EXCUSED: Father Bolte, Phil Sheehy, Erica Kohlman, Trey Nix, and Carl Gilman.

CALL TO ORDER: Rick Harvey called the meeting to order.

OPENING PRAYER: Paul Stratman

FINANCE: No report.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER MINUTES: approved unanimously.

PILLAR REPORTS:

WORSHIP: Miriam Burkart reported that the Lady of Fatima festivities were a success and thanked everyone for their efforts.

OUTREACH: Sue Keller presented the Pillar Report on September business (report attached).

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Paul Stratman presented the Pillar Report from September 24, 2013 meeting (report attached).

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION: Father Jacob – presented the Pillar Report for October 2013 (report attached).

EDUCATION: reports from Erica Kohlman attached (Preschool-Kindergarten/PSR /St. Paul's school report).

COMMUNITY: report from Carl Gilman attached.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Father Jacob discussed:

- School Update -- The church informational phase presentations are scheduled to start the week of September 29th.
 - Theft of the candle offertory box was reported to police. Discussed electronic locks, security cameras, master list of key holders and other potential deterrents.
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NEW BUSINESS:

Mass Counts to start this week. Pastoral Council members volunteered to take the counts.

Opening Prayer for October – A Prayer of Discernment

Closing Prayer for October – Miriam Burkart

CLOSING PRAYER: Sue Keller

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy A. Hayden

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[ATTACHMENTS FOLLOW]

St. Timothy Community Pillar Report

October 2013

2013 OktoberFest Results

Financials - Following is a summary of the preliminary financial results from the festival this year:

- Friday down 72.6% from 2012
- Saturday up 10.5% over 2012
- Sunday up 6.5% over 2012
- Overall down 11.3% from 2012

Festival Successes

- We were able to keep everyone safe which is a very important piece of the puzzle.
- We get increasingly more organized which helps the festival run more and more smoothly with less waste of time and materials.
- Each year we also have more people step up year after year to take on different aspects which helps the overall success. Some examples would be running speaker wire, donating light towers, booth troopers and clean up help.

Opportunities to Improve - The main things we need to work on involve communication and safety.

- We need to make sure every committee member has the phone numbers of other committee members in case of an emergency. This will help get faster contact with onsite police in case of a missing child, fight or other issue on the property.
- Also a list of answers to FAQ, such as "Where is the ATM?, What can we use orange tickets for?" and "Is there a charge for the hayride?" would be helpful.
- Another area we need to be more proactive is adding a security person to help with traffic at peak hours on Friday and Saturday, and also at the 5K race.
- Lastly we need to work on Communication with volunteers on where and when they work. One way we plan to work on this is to have copies of all the volunteer sheets hanging in the gathering space for people to reference when they arrive to volunteer. We will also include a map of the layout that would indicate where the booth is located.

St. Timothy Outreach Pillar Report

Committee Report

October 2013

Guest speaker, Deb Thomas, talked about coordinating some preschool projects with Outreach.

A. Unfinished

1. Outreach is still waiting on 2 youth members to volunteer to be on Outreach. (Discussed that next year we'll open one youth position to all St. Tim's youth, not just Youth Group.)
2. Still waiting for Gallatin County to give us date for Giving Tree. (Usually tags go out last Saturday in Nov.)

B. Finished

1. By laws were accepted.
2. Another cart assembly for Be Concerned will be held at Be Concerned's request. (This has received an outstanding response in the past).
3. Mary Rose Kitchen Grant Recipient will be guest speaker @ Masses 9/7-8.
4. Mary Rose Kitchen has requested Sat. help with meals instead of Sundays. We'll try to accommodate next month. Will keep Sun. 9/29 date for this month.
5. Halloween costume event will be held in Oct. & Rosalie & Vanessa will co-ordinate.

St. Timothy Adult Faith Formation

Pastoral Council Report

October 2013

submitted by Paul Stratman

Last AFF meeting September 24, 2013

- Ask Father This event is scheduled for Oct. 21.
- Wreath-making workshop An article should be in the next Companion to include some history/background on Advent wreaths. We plan to have materials for 50 wreaths.
- Ed Colina Pat Tenbrink spoke with Ed, who was preparing to return to Africa. He will give her some possible evening dates to speak about his project in 2014.
- Fr. Bob Rottgers Deacon Dave Philbrick will see Father Rottgers soon and check on his availability during Lent 2014 for a talk about the reality of Satan and the Church practice of exorcism. Father Rottgers is the exorcist for the Diocese of Covington.
- Hinduism talk Father Jacob is willing to speak about Hinduism. February 17 was seen is the target date for this talk.
- Ecumenical event with Union Presbyterian Carol Ann Morrow spoke with Rev. Lisa Dunson Stenner, pastor of Union Presbyterian Church, who expressed enthusiasm for such a venture, proposed for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Carol Ann then spoke with Jennifer Fedders and learned that Bishop Foys has designated Jan. 23 as a Day of Prayer and Penance (related to Roe v. Wade). We had some doubt about two prayer events in one week. Father Bolte is also enthusiastic about such an endeavor and suggested that a prayer service/social be held, but not in January. Rev. Stenner then suggested the National Day of Prayer, which is May 1. met with Rev. Stenner and members of her congregation on Oct. 1 to do advance planning (no update available). We discovered that a joint Bible school was formerly held with Union Presbyterian. We think that our two pastors might be open to resuming that practice.
- Adult Faith Formation Events Deacon Dave suggested that the educational events sponsored by the diocese are very well done and should be called to the attention of parishioners. Father Barth will be beginning such a series at St. Timothy. He will give this information to Lynn Profitt, for inclusion in the bulletin and in the Companion.
- Information about the Mass Pat Tenbrink suggested a talk about the Mass in the future: Our actions at Mass, Father's vestments, general history of its structure, etc.

Next AFF meeting: Weds. Oct. 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Christ Renews His Parish Continuation Committee

Meeting September 26, 2013

Theresa Baker and Tom Deja, Lay Directors for the upcoming ladies' and men's CRHP weekends were guests.

Ladies' and Men's 2014 CRHP Weekends:

Theresa and Tom gave updates on their progress. They will be coming to Continuation Committee meetings while their teams are in formation.

Rekindle The Flame II:

Witness speakers:

- Staying Strong in Our Faith in Today's World: Dale Brockman and Paul Dierig
- Staying Strong in Our Faith During a Time of Suffering or Loss: Mark Deis and Angie Mimms
- Faith and Leadership: Father Bolte
- Faith and Action: Kevin and Kathleen Thompson and Vicky Bauerle

Lay witnesses will come to the next Continuation Committee meeting,(October 17 or 24) to preview their talks for the committee.

Information regarding Rekindle is on the parish website and in the bulletin.

Sue Hinkle resigned from the committee. The committee is looking for her replacement to come from the last women's giving team as first priority. Our goal is to get the committee back to a membership made up of the past three men's and ladies' weekends, as people resign or rotate off the committee.

St. Timothy Youth Ministry

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submitted by Father Jacob

We held our STYM kickoff on 9/7/13 by attending the 4:30pm mass and then headed to our "new Youth Room" for fun and fellowship with some games all rolled into one. This year we are going to have bible study, outreach and social. One week will be Bible Study, next week will be outreach and third week will be social. We will be attending Youth 2000 retreat in October the dates are October 11 thru 13th.

- We assisted with the cleanup of the parish festival on Sunday evening for an outreach event
- We had an evening with the Sisters of Notre Dame on Sunday 9/29. We assisted with baking of Banana bread with some sisters. We played BINGO with about 20 sisters and everyone got a prize both Youth and Sisters. We ate supper with the sisters and got a tour of the facility both outside and inside. We ended our tour in the Chapel which is beautiful and prayed with the sisters. It was a great evening.
- This Sunday we are having a teaching mass at 6pm.
- Oct. 11 thru 13 is Youth 2000 at St. Henry.
- Nov. Grant recipient is Mentoring plus. We have planned a joint retreat with them.

St. Timothy Preschool/Kindergarten

Pastoral Council Report
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Submitted by Deb Thomas

Preschool and Kindergarten:

- St. Timothy Preschool and Kindergarten were awarded the "School of Contribution" award from the Mayerson Foundation. This is a big award for our tiny school and we are looking forward to continuing to work with the Mayerson Service Learning Foundation.
- This month the kids have begun their first service learning project in collaboration with the Parish Baby Shower. The preschool has been learning about babies and what babies needs through our Babies, Bottles and Blessings project. We will complete the project on October 8th and then all of our donations will be given to the Parish Outreach Families for Life Committee. Preschool parents have been invited to help with this event.
- Recruiting for next year is under way. I am working closely with St. Paul on our recruiting efforts and we hope by working together we will continue to bridge the gap between the two schools. So far, we are planning several Open Houses (Representatives from both schools will be presents at the following:
 - Our Current Family Open House is on October 24
 - New Family Open House at St. Timothy is on November 7
 - New Family Open House at St. Paul is on November 14

Sunday Preschool and PSR Resource Room:

- Sunday Preschool began on September 8 and all is going well. We have several new catechists this year and the program is running smoothly.
- The Resource Room opens this week. We have an abundance of help in this room and we have 8 students attending classes. Truly, this room has been a blessing for all of us. We will be having our classes in the BH 1.

St. Timothy PSR
Pastoral Council Report
October 2013
submitted by Debbie Froschauer

PSR ~ grades 1 - 8:

Current & Upcoming Events:

- PSR is up and running. All classes are going very well.
- We have over 75 volunteers that are working in various areas of the job. A total of 610 students in the program now.
- New wipe boards have been installed in 4 out of 6 of the classrooms. 2 boards came in damaged and will be replaced and then installed. The PSR program was responsible for purchasing and paying for the new boards.
- We are in the process of replacing and repairing all the audio and visual equipment. Many of the tv/vcr/dvd set ups are not working well or at all. Several vcr/dvd players have gone missing. We hope to have them all up and working by the end of October.
- We will be producing and distributing a new PSR "Press" newsletter to all the families. The newsletter will have pertinent information to the religious education program. Goal is to keep families up-to-date on the many activities going on. Newsletter will be available on the website, distributed via email, sent home and posted on the bulletin board in the parish center hallway.
- Confirmation students will be going on the Agency Adoption program on Friday, October 11 from 8:45-1:00. We will begin with a prayer send off and then students and chaperones will go to 8 different agencies to work and gain an in-depth understanding of how the agency operates. Working in conjunction with the Lesley Duggan and the Outreach Committee.
- PSR students made "thinking of you/praying for you" greeting cards that were distributed at the Mary Rose Soup Kitchen on Sunday, September 29.
- During October the PSR students will be collecting gently used Halloween costumes for the Outreach Ministry.
- Call Command and email distribution listings are complete for all families involved in PSR. These means of communication are used for class reminders, weather emergencies and activity reminders.
- Two young men are now setting up for the Sunday Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word program that is held during the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses. The boys set up for CLOW n the new youth room before 8:00 Mass and break down following the 11:30 Mass. They are also helping with other various things throughout the morning. A small stipend of \$10 a week was approved by Father Bolte.

Planning & Long Range Projects:

- Plans are underway for the Confirmation and Sponsor Evening that will be held on Monday, November 18th. Trying to find a young enthusiastic speaker that will fire-up the students about their faith.
- First Reconciliation Retreat will be held Sunday, November 24th. Plans are underway.
- Curriculum committee is being formed to take an in-depth look at curriculum and learning concepts. There seems to be a need to teach basics on a repetitive basis so that students retain information on a greater spectrum.

Saint Paul School Principal Report to the Total Education Commission

September 23, 2013

(Updated Oct 2 for the St. Timothy Parish Council)

Submitted by Tony Riegling, Principal

1. School continues to go well. Our 8th graders are currently taking their Explore tests.
 - a. Update. Explore is complete. We will receive results around Thanksgiving
2. Our current student count is at right. We are down by 1 student in the 6th grade. The family moved to New Jersey. We still get an occasional inquiry, even though the peak season will not be here until later in the year. I have made much progress in making contact with parents who chose to move to another school this year. I am playing a lot of phone tag, but will keep trying until I have spoken to everyone. I have about 25% to go.
 - a. Update. One more student has moved out of town in 4th grade. All parents have been called. We will use the information to strengthen programs.
3. We are making good progress with personal professional goals for all teachers. Each faculty member is required to meet with me to determine their goals for the next cycle. I am encouraged by the types of goals. Some goals will stretch out over two years.
4. The cafeteria program seems to be going well. I have not heard of much in the way of feedback – negative or positive – from anyone except the cafeteria staff. Feedback is generally rather neutral.
5. Our first parent meeting was today. We had about a dozen 8th grade parents. It was a very good meeting. We will go down by grade level, 7, 6, 5, ..., through K on each Monday. Invitations go out by Thursday the week before.
 - a. Update. We have finished 8 and 7. Parents in attendance seem pleased to have the information and are supportive of school.
6. I have received many questions regarding the possibility of a school at St. Timothy. I composed a letter for inclusion in the *Companion* and the *Link*. I have included it as an attachment.
7. We are still waiting to hear about our grant application for the technology infrastructure improvements. I will pass along word when we hear.
8. The St. Timothy school planning committee has asked for times to share their presentation with St. Paul school families. We will coordinate times.
 - a. Update. I plan to attend some information sessions at St. Tim. I will work with Dave Theus about times and places.
 - b. I have gone over the proposed budget with Dave and identified some questions. He and I are working on a time to go over the information together to clarify assumptions and sources of information.

Gd	Sep	Oct
K	33	33
1	41	41
2	36	36
3	40	40
4	57	56
5	40	40
6	34	34
7	47	47
8	41	41
Total	369	368
Table 1		

To School or Not to School

"To school or not to school, that is the question." If you will pardon my borrowing from Shakespeare, that is a question I am asked frequently these days. As the Principal and educational leader of St. Paul School, I am called upon to use my training experience and talents to help ensure the best possible formative and educational experience for our students each and every day. It is natural people ask me what I think of the proposal that St Timothy Parish build an elementary school. I am happy to express my thoughts on the subject.

First, I should point out that I believe I am called to serve both St. Tim and St. Paul parishes as the leader of their parish school. St Paul School has served the people of St. Paul Parish for over 125 years. In 1989, we added St. Timothy Parish to our role as a Catholic School. Since its founding, our school has done an excellent job of meeting the needs of St. Paul Parish. I believe we will continue to do so for the foreseeable future.

In 1989, amidst high growth in the Catholic population in and around the Union-Florence area, St. Timothy Parish was born. St. Timothy parishioners tended to live in the Union area and may even have formerly been members at St. Paul. I make this point because it parallels the current discussions about a new school. While the opening of St. Tim undoubtedly had an impact on the number of parishioners attending St. Paul, it did not do irreparable damage to St. Paul Parish. So, I believe it will be if St. Timothy Parish decides to open a school of its own.

I am grateful to Fr. Bolte and the lay leaders of St. Tim for making sure I am part of the conversation about a school. We have had frank and important conversations about all the factors in favor of building a school and the challenges that will be faced. A very thorough study and sound decision process have preceded our current circumstance. And so, here we are, ready for the St. Timothy Parish family to decide what they believe is in their best long-term interest.

When people ask me if I believe St. Tim should build a school, I answer that it is not up to me. Only the people of St. Tim should answer that question. Would a new school at St. Tim cause St. Paul School to close? Absolutely not! Even if every St. Tim student chose another place to go to school, St. Paul Parish would still need a school, and would continue to operate St. Paul School. Would the school be different? Almost certainly. For instance, we might be a school with only one section of each grade level as opposed to two. We might remain a two-section school, but with a population coming from a larger geographic area or a different population base.

As I consider a school at St. Tim, I believe there is one overarching factor that must be considered. That is to maximize the number of children attending Catholic school. We know that our schools are an essential element in the future of the Catholic Church in the United States. We know there is a strong correlation between the number of years a person spends in Catholic school and their commitment and activities within the Church. They tend to be more generous with their time, talent and treasure. They tend to be more active as adults—serving on various parish or diocesan committees. They tend to be more regular attendees at Mass and to be more involved in the continued formation of their faith as adults. They tend to be more active in their own cities and towns where they help apply our Catholic social teachings to the larger social issues. There are some for whom our school is just too far away, but for whom a school on the St. Tim campus would not be. One can only imagine the good that just one person who seizes that opportunity might be able to accomplish.

The point is, we might be different, but we will still be here; doing what we have done for over 125 years—providing the best in Catholic faith formation and academic preparation for our students. The most important consideration is not whether we will change, but that we change smartly. We must take on our future with faith and gusto! We must use our strengths to help us build toward a future we believe is bright with promise. Our mission is not to be a school of "X" size, but, rather, to make sure the students we serve—however many they are and from wherever they

come—receive the finest Catholic education available anywhere on the planet. To do that, we must be adaptive and resilient. If you take a close look at our building you cannot help but notice all the changes and additions. Change has been a part of our story since we began. It is likely to remain a part of our story.

And so, my answer to the question about a school really boils down to this. If the people of St. Timothy Parish believe their long-term interests are best served by having a school on their campus, I support their decision to do so and hope they find great success. If they decide it is not yet time, we will continue to do everything we can to serve both of our parishes for as long as they need us. I can only say we will continue to do our best to help every student, regardless of his or her parish, grow in faith and knowledge every single day. There is much to be done before a school might open. I am sure we will travel that path together as brothers and sisters in faith.

See you around campus,

Tony Riegling