

Advisory Meeting Minutes- March 2, 2005

Present: Andrew Thompson, Rita Pritchard, Connie Widmer, Karen Brandsetter, Wanda Smith, Jim Brown, Mike Marrero, and Pastor Richard Bollman, S.J.

Absent- Karen Hurley and Janet Niedhard

Guest- Bob Schoettinger from VOTF.

Rita began meeting with prayer on trust from the Upper room seasonal reflections.

Wanda began formal portion by inviting each member to reflect on the question: "What one key relationship or experience has helped form your identity and sense of mission as a baptized Christian?"

Our first item on the agenda was the XU new campus development and the effect it will have on the parish. Richard presented the group with brochures and public information on the new buildings and layout of the future campus. He met with Gary Massa, Vice President of Development at XU to discuss pros and cons of transition. One of the concerns raised by Advisory members was the accessibility of the parish in regard to the development.

Next step- Richard will be in dialog with all pertinent parties and will bring back news if needed.

Our next agenda item was centered on models of Bellarmine parish leadership. Karen and Richard gave us a brief outline of what their day to day activities look like. Both share some of the same group meetings- Advisory, Finance, Staff and Amos, but vary in other aspects like sacramental and liturgical planning and behind the scene on Sunday at mass. Some of Karen's other responsibilities are support staff supervision, program promotion and public relations and administration of personnel policies. Questions that arose from this discussion- what is the next step for models of future parish? What is it that Richard does that only he can do, and what can be delegated to someone else? Could we empower more volunteers on Sunday to do more of what Karen does?

Next Step- Bring what we learned tonight and put into a model. A small group was formed by Jim, Andrew, Karen B and Wanda, to meet and discuss model.

Our final agenda item was to watch a video about the VOTF. We had technical difficulties with the dvd so it was decided we would watch it first thing at our next meeting. Bob S gave a brief overview of the video.

Jim B. volunteered to be scribe and prayer person for next meeting on April 6.