

Bellarmino Advisory Committee Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 05, 2007
7:00 – 9:00 PM
Alumni Conference Room

All members present with Fran Harmon and Sally Fellerhoff excused. Kinny McQuade chaired the meeting in Fran Harmon's absence.

1. *Prayer*

- Tony Dardy opened the meeting with a prayer.

2. *Reflection Question*

- The committee shared thoughts and feelings around the question: What images or "movements of the Spirit" are you experiencing as we begin Advent?

3. *What are our hopes for the January 6th meeting that will focus on the needs and concerns of Bellarmine parents? Are there specific questions or a particular agenda the committee should formalize for this 45 minute meeting between the 9:00 and 10:00 masses?*

- Develop a handout or something in the bulletin a week ahead "framing" this issue so parents can come prepared especially since we only have about 45 minutes.
- Need to process this meeting...Karen will facilitate...can possibly start out by having parents meet each other and begin the conversation while we wait for all to arrive.
- Two main questions seemed to surface: What behaviors in relation to their child's spirituality do parents (a) see, and (b) worry about?
- It was suggested that we collect data on who attends this meeting so parents can contact each other and for potential follow-up.
- Meeting would end with a short discussion of: Where do we go from here...any value in a follow-up meeting?

Also, any suggestions about the school options meeting on January 28th?

- Dave will check his correspondence from Cincinnati Public to confirm registration dates and email Karen to insure that the January 28th meeting date is appropriate and does not come after registration has already started.

4. *Report from Richard and follow-up discussion on the current campus development plan for Xavier and its impact on Bellarmine, particularly on access to the Chapel.*

- Richard shared his notes from his meeting with John Kucia, Kevin Berlon, and Blake Smith on November 29, 2007.
- The issue of Ledgewood becoming the main entrance into the University and what this will do for both accessibility to and VISIBILITY of Bellarmine Chapel was discussed.
- A further discussion surfaced about how integral Bellarmine Chapel was to the University.
- Consensus formed around the fact that the Bellarmine community has some concerns and to insure better communication the suggestion was made that we request a seat on the University Planning Committee. Mike Marrero was mentioned as a person who could represent both the interests of the parish as well as the University.

5. *Lenten Series Update*

- Three speakers in the Lenten Series have been confirmed.
- Linda Young will work with Jane Ruhmkorff in presenting an interfaith approach to Scripture.
- Steve Grieser, a Lutheran Minister/Pastor will discuss relationships in Christ. His presentation would include: marriage, divorce, and sexual orientation.
- Professor Adam Clark is a Baptist who will discuss non-violence and the teaching of Jesus.
- There was some thought that the Lenten Series might begin early so as to include Brennen Hill's presentation in January on the Church. If so, this would only leave one more spot to fill to complete the Lenten Series.

6. *Before the Advisory Meeting, take a tour of the Bellarmine web-site so we can discuss with Liz Keuffer in January how it can be further updated and enhanced.*

- Consensus was reached about the importance and value of the Bellarmine web-site.
- A discussion surfaced many issues to consider. Some of the items discussed were the following: a balance between being visually attractive and informative, developing a stronger integration with the University, photo excitement, possible "branding issues", the ability for new parishioners to register on-line, financial information for those willing to donate to Bellarmine, posting pictures and short bio's on the web-site for new parish members as well as for RCIA candidates.
- Debbie will meet with Liz before the next meeting to get her views and experience of these things.

7. *Bring your calendars on the 5th so that meeting dates for the rest of the year can be scheduled.*

- The following meeting dates were established for the next five months.
 - Thursday, January 10, 2008
 - Tuesday, February 12, 2008
 - Tuesday, March 11, 2008
 - Wednesday, April 16, 2008
 - Wednesday, May 21, 2008

The meeting concluded shortly after 9:00 PM.