

BASILICA BRIEFS - January 2012

XAVIER PEACE & JUSTICE COMMITTEE met on Dec. 1 at 9:00 am. October minutes were approved.

Reporting Committees:

RESPECT LIFE - Plans for the Right to Life March are continuing. Jean Mescher is the contact, 875-7248. They are hoping for a record 2012 turnout. A National Hour of Prayer is set for Dec. 8 in the convent Chapel from 8 pm to midnight.

HAITI - The 2012 Haiti Mission Team has purchased their airline tickets for February. The team consists of Fr. Dennis Quint, Shirley Olberding, Jan & Katie Pirc, James Goldsmith, Brett Schlarmann, Mary Thole, Jim & Joan Steger and Cookie Scherrman.

KIDS AGAINST HUNGER, Christmas Gift cards for Kids Against Hunger will be sold at the Breakfast, parish office, Fidelity Bank (Joan Steger), Shirley Olberding and Cookie Scherrman. Give a gift of \$10 or more in the name of or in memory of someone to Kids Against Hunger.

CARE & SHARE COLLECTIONS for 2012 were approved by this committee and the Parish Council. There will be six, January, March, May, July, September and November.

There will be a **HOME / LENTEN PROJECT** in Lent for the Good Samaritan Fund. Labels will be given out to place around a container and placed in a visual spot in our homes to promote awareness and donations. More information will be placed in the bulletin as Lent gets closer.

The **PANTRY** is busy. Parishes and schools have been conducting food and cash drives and gifts are being donated through the Angel Gifts. Approx. 270 families and 400 children will receive gifts.

Other: 73 Christmas cards were addressed and sent to parishioners residing in area care facilities. The 2:00 pm Mass & Social on Dec. 28 to honor the seniors in our Cluster Parishes was discussed. The committee will supply the bars/cookies for the social.

The next meeting of the Xavier Peace & Justice will be held Thursday, Feb. 2.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER BOARD of EDUCATION met on Dec. 12. Members present were Janet Stelken, Gregg Recker, Angela English, Heidi Wall, Peter Smith, Stacy Portzen (teacher rep.), Fr. Dennis Quint, Keith McCarraher and Tom Hageman. Minutes from November were approved via email. The Finance report was reviewed and approved.

Three possible 2012-2013 scenarios regarding tuition, third source income, base pay for certified staff and enrollment predictions were reviewed and discussed. Following discussion the following items were approved: base pay for certified staff be increased by 3% for the 2012-2013 school year and tuition be increased to \$1,665 for the 2012-2013 school year. It was noted that the school continues to rely heavily on the parish support. It is important for families to continue their support to the parish through weekly tithe and Mass attendance. At this time the Board determined that there will be a reduction in certified staff for the 2012-2013 school year.

In the principal's report, Peter reported on the Chip Shoppe fundraiser, I-CAT training, Advent preparations, classroom observations, security system repairs, pacing meetings, dress code committee, donations received, Alumni Appeal and kindergarten at Xavier.

Building & Grounds reported that some of the new doors are rusting and Portzen Construction has been contacted to replace the doors under warranty.

A Dress Code Committee has been developed to review the current dress code and simplify it. The Board reviewed and offered recommendations. For shoes: moccasin/slipper types are not allowed, effective immediately. This is merely re-enforcing the current dress code of tennis shoes or dress shoes only. More changes will be forthcoming at the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

The Board discussed sending a letter to all faith formation families letting them know about the school, welcoming them for a visit and asking them to consider St. Francis Xavier as a viable option for their child(ren).

The next meeting will be Jan. 9 at 5:30 pm in the school library.

The FINANCE COUNCIL met on Thursday, Jan. 12 at 7:00 am in the rectory meeting room. Members present: Alan Brunsmann, Ted Deacon, Scott DeSousa, Tom Klaren, Doris Koopmann, Tom Lucas, Jude Milbert, Carl Schwendinger, Julie Wieneke and Fr. Quint. Minutes from the Nov. 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Financial report was given ending date of Dec. 31, 2011. Xavier School financial report was reviewed ending Dec. 31, 2011. Since last report the 2006-11 School Capital Campaign received \$6,496.43 with \$5,400 repaid on the Archdiocesan School Loan and \$553.00 in interest. Building on Success Campaign received \$139,870.00 in which \$139,870.00 was on the Archdiocesan school loan. In addition, with the increase in parish budget, \$35,221.50 was paid to the Archdiocesan parish loan. Balance remaining on loans: School loan \$0.00, Parish loan \$155,000.00 and Basilica Fund loan \$223,000.00.

The Planned Giving Committee has established a Mission Statement. The next meeting will meet again Jan. 19.

Old Business:

- 2012-2013 budget. Staff wages will be reviewed.
- DRA Grant ideas being looked into for 2012 are: repainting the Basilica interior walls that received water damage; repair of the Basilica steeples; and remodel Xavier Hall kitchen for meeting space.

New Business:

- Pew Dividers were discussed. Seams will be put in five or six pews as examples for parishioners to review.
- Discussion was held on the convent building when it is vacated in April. Possibly a sale of salvage items as was done with Kortenkamp.
- Annual budget statements will be mailed soon with a letter of congratulations. A sample letter was reviewed.
- Archdiocesan Procedural Audit report has been received and will be reviewed.

The meeting adjourned. The next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 16, at 7:00 am.