

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

January 4, 2011

Present at the meeting\*\*

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor  
Debbie Fish, chair  
Paula Moran, co-chair; marriage enrichment  
Deacon Bill Brawner, deacon  
Francesca Forrest, secretary  
Dave Adams, communications  
Ray Fontaine, communications  
Courtney Crosby, communications  
Beth Buczko, family life  
Therese Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)  
John Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)  
Carla Dell'Olio, vocations  
Franco Dell'Olio, vocations  
Everett Hume, deanery council representative  
Donna Grady, music ministry

*\*\*This list represents those who signed the attendance sheet or those whom the secretary recalls being present. Minutes can be corrected to include others who were in attendance.*

**I. Meeting called to order around 7:30**

**2. Prayer – Father Vern**

**3. Previous minutes and current agenda accepted; calendar reviewed**

**4. Commission Reports**

**A. Communications**

-- finished welcome packets

**B. Family Life**

-- main report to be given under old business (the First Night celebration)

--will host coffee and doughnuts in February, also planning an activity for school vacation

**C. Hospitality**

-- no new business

**D. Marriage Enrichment**

- Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) members will speak at Mass January 15–16; meeting after the 10:30 Mass

#### **E. Spiritual Life**

- hasn't met; will meet week of Jan 10
- Fr. Pat will lead the Lenten retreat this year (week before Holy Week)

#### **F. Vocations**

- Seminarians' gift box was a big success; each seminarian received two envelopes from St. Francis
- Between St. Francis and St. Elizabeth Parish, which also participated, each seminarian received over \$1000. [corrected from \$100 to \$1000]

### **5. Old Business**

#### **A. First Night**

- A success: Channel 5 did interviews
- We offered coffee, soda, sweets; upstairs were movies, soda, popcorn; downstairs were kids' crafts and face painting
- Ours was among the more popular because it was continuous.

### **6. New Business**

#### **A. No financial update this meeting**

#### **B. New rectory paid for**

- Its valuation is \$200,000 more than we paid for it because of the sweat equity we put in
- Old rectory building will become offices

#### **C. Thursday, January 6, Knights of Columbus sponsoring a recitation of Holy Rosary in support of people going through hard times (7 pm)**

#### **D. Deacon Francis will come to St. Francis in February to train people for the weekend supplement to Meals on Wheels.**

### **7. Closing Prayer**

**Adjournment. The next meeting will be on March 1, 2011.**