

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

February 2, 2010

Name	Position	6/2 /09	9/1 /09	10/ 06/ 09	11/ 03/ 09	12/ 01/ 09	2/2 /10
Father Vern Decoteau	Pastor	X	X	X	X	X	
Bill Brawner	Deacon	X	X	X	X	X	
Peter Naranjo	Seminarian	X	(no longer here)				
Paul Pierce	Chair	X	X	X	X	X	X
Debbie Fish	Co-Chair	X		X	X	X	X
Francesca Forrest	Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X

Name	Position	6/2 /09	9/1 /09	10/ 06/ 09	11/ 03/ 09	12/ 01/ 09	2/2 /10
Bill Bowen	Communications		X		X	X	X
Dave Adams	Communications	X	X	X	X	X	
Paula Moran	Faith Development	X			X	X	X
Lorie Erickson	Family Life			X	X		X
Beth Buczko	Family Life	X	X	X	X	X	
Pam Letendre	Hospitality	X	X	X	X	X	
Rob Letendre	Hospitality			X			
Thomas Curto	Hospitality					X	X
Pat Antonovich	Spiritual Life		X	X	X	X	X
Judy Dudek	Spiritual Life	X	X	X	X	X	
Rita Gallagher	Vocations	X	X		X	X	
Franco and Carla Dell'Olio	Vocations	X	X	X	X	X	X

Nonvoting Members/Attendees

Name	Position	6/2/ 09	9/1/ 09	10/6 /09	11/3 /09	12/1 /09	2/2/ 10
Judy Tricky	Ex-officio Member, Religious Education	X		X	X		
Jeanne Brzycki	Liaison Communications	X		X	X		X
Ray Fontaine	Liaison Communications	X	X	X	X	X	X

Stan Wyman	Finance Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X
Donna Grady	Liaison Music		X		X		
Everett Hume	Deanery Council Rep.	X	X	X		X	X
Lisa Desroches	Calendar Keeper		X				
Michele Gousy	Attendee (December)					X	

Kelly Krasinkiewicz	Attendee (December)					X	
Sarah Bergstrom	Attendee (December)					X	
Gerri Amprimo	Attendee					X	X

I. Paul Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:32

II. Prayer – Paul Pierce

III. Previous minutes accepted (Note one change: The information on Teams of Our Lady was covered under Faith Development, not Family Life)
Calendar review for March completed.

IV. Commission Reports

A. Communications

-- Redoing the welcome packet to take into account the name change from Faith Development to Marriage Enrichment.

B. Faith Development Commission has become the Marriage Enrichment Commission

-- Met on January 17th with people from Teams of Our Lady. Nine couples from St. Francis are interested. There is no charge associated with forming a team, but the organization asks for an annual donation from the couples involved

C. Family Life

- Mike Hurst will be stepping down from running the bereavement group once a replacement person can be found.
- Food Pantry would like a motion detector at the door that would turn on a light (these are \$40 from Home Depot); there are also complaints about the lock mechanism for the main door to the Pine Room. Sam Joyelle is the person to talk to about this.
- The extension for cancer support on the rectory phone line is also the extension for the Helping Hands ministry.
- There will be coffee and doughnuts after the 10:30 Mass on February 21. (This will be coordinated with Hospitality.)
- The family swimming event and Crop Walk will be discussed next time.

D. Hospitality

-- Will be helping Family Life with the coffee and doughnuts on February 21.

E. Spiritual Life

- Three shawls were delivered in the two weeks before the Pastoral Council meeting, and another one or two will be ready shortly.
- 80 shawls have been given away in all since the shawl ministry began.

F. Vocations

- reminder that there is Holy Hour on the First Friday of each month
- reminder about the Vocations Cross
- prayers for Rita Gallagher, who is ill
- our seminarian Peter Naranjo will be talking to the students at St. Mary's in Ware.

V. Old Business

A. Knights of Columbus Report

- sold half as many tickets for the sweetheart dance this year as last year
- date is February 13, location is the Castle of Knights in Chicopee

B. Finance Report

- the six-month finance report shows the Sunday collection to be \$4,400 behind the last fiscal year (\$5,000 behind if you include holy days)
- the economy is probably to blame; also, last year we had the in-the-boat campaign, but this year we don't.
- but we did raise \$5,400 for Haiti

C. New Rectory Update

- a cost estimate will come in the second week of February
- complete-build bid will be presented to the diocese
- still on track for a spring start

VI. New Business

A. Lenten Schedule

- Father is not present, but the details will be known by February 12, when the calendar goes to print
- Not sure how things will be re: churches that are closing

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

A. Rectory

B. Holy Week Schedule

C. CD Series for Library

- Gerri Amprimo has bought a series of faith-building CDs to donate to the parish
- 15 CDs so far; more to come
- Father has approved a temporary kiosk display in the gathering space
- Bill Bowen made a motion to approve the kiosk for the next four weeks; Tom Curto seconded the motion.
- Some questions about how the Pastoral Council should vet materials like this in the future: this will be a topic for next month.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:42. The next meeting will be on March 3.