

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

March 2, 2010

Name	Position	6/2 /09	9/1 /09	10/ 06/ 09	11/ 03/ 09	12/ 01/ 09	2/2 /10	3/2 /10
Father Vern Decoteau	Pastor	X	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	X
Debbie Fish	Co-Chair	X		X	X	X	X	X
Francesca Forrest	Secretary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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Bill Bowen	Communications		X		X	X	X	X
Dave Adams	Communications	X	X	X	X	X		X
Paula Moran	Faith Development	X			X	X	X	X
Lorie Erickson	Family Life			X	X		X	X
Beth Buczko	Family Life	X	X	X	X	X		X
Pam Letendre	Hospitality	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rob Letendre	Hospitality			X				
Thomas Curto	Hospitality					X	X	X
Pat Antonovich	Spiritual Life		X	X	X	X	X	X
Judy Dudek	Spiritual Life	X	X	X	X	X		X
Rita Gallagher	Vocations	X	X		X	X		X
Franco and Carla Dell'Olio	Vocations	X	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	3/2/ 10
Judy Tricky	Ex-officio Member, Religious Education	X		X	X			
Jeanne Brzycki	Liaison Communications	X		X	X	X	X	X
Ray Fontaine	Liaison Communications	X	X	X	X	X	X	

Stan Wyman	Finance Committee	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Donna Grady	Liaison Music		X		X			
Everett Hume	Deanery Council Rep.	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	X

I. Father Vern called the meeting to order at 7:28

II. Prayer – Father Vern

III. Previous minutes accepted, with the following correction: Judy Dudek was not, in fact, present at the last meeting. Also, today’s meeting is happening on March 2, not March 3, as erroneously indicated on last month’s minutes.

Calendar review for April completed.

IV. Commission Reports

A. Communications

- Needs statement from Paula Moran on Marriage Enrichment and Teams of Our Lady for new parishioners’ packet

B. Family Life

CYO stuff

- CYO basketball kids will be in Mass second Sunday of March
- Karen Corey has taken over coordination of CYO basketball from Jack O’Brien
- CYO basketball games will be written up in church bulletin; photos will be taken and displayed on a bulletin board during fall tryouts period.
- Many young parents are volunteering to help with coaching.
- CYO fundraising raffle was not very successful, so will be held again in the fall.

Food Pantry Stuff

- Stop & Shop’s Food for Friends campaign raised \$2,000 for food pantry.
Roseann will be using the money to buy things for Easter baskets, which will be delivered on Palm Sunday.
- The motion detector lights are being installed
- The Pine Room door lock has been fixed; still trying to figure out why the door handle sticks.

Bereavement Stuff

- Mike Hurst will do the ministry through March, then Beth Buczko will take over.
- It will change its schedule to meet just once a month.

After-Mass snacks

- Family Life would like to serve cookies and punch after the 4 pm Mass on the weekend of March 20–21 (Generations of Faith event) and doughnuts and coffee after the 10:30 Mass on the same weekend.
- Will put out a suggestion box on these occasions to take suggestions from the congregation of other events people would like to see Family Life host.

Suggestion of more Christian movies (possibly in the fall)

C. Hospitality

- Preparing for the Holy Thursday potluck

D. Marriage Enrichment

- 8 couples for Teams of Our Lady, which is too much for one group but too few for two
- 5 couples will start out while more couples are sought for the second group

E. Spiritual Life

- Getting ready for the Lenten Mission and Holy Week

F. Vocations

- Easter cards going out to seminarians; three will be ordained in June
- New prayers and a Knights of Columbus video have been added to the book
- Father Dailey will be coming in July to speak about vocations.

V. Old Business

A. Finance Report

- Mailing cash raffle information in April. Prize will be \$500; drawing will be on Mother's Day after the 10:30 Mass.
- Finance Council meeting went fine.

B. Lenten Mission

- Sunday March 21 through Wednesday March 24
- Rosary at 6:15 each night; Benediction at 6:30 on Sunday and Monday; Tuesday will be Andre Chapdelaine talking on the Shroud of Turin, then the Divine Chaplet; Wednesday will be José Romero talking on the Eucharist

C. Rectory Update

- Father has met with Father LaPoint, the chair of the diocesan building committee
- Land development is expensive because of wetland issues—approximately \$30-35,000. House will be approximately \$330,000, including garage but not including paving the driveway
- Have a “pave the way to the rectory” fundraiser
- New town regulation requires that rainwater from roof go into a cistern and from there into the retention ponds (so this is an extra expense)
- Electricity will be run down to the pond, for an aerator, which should cut down on algae.
- Groundbreaking probably at Easter. We'll have a celebration, like for the church.

VI. New Business

A. Holy Week Schedule

- It's on the calendar now.

B. CD Series Kiosk

- Paul Pierce read from the Pastoral Council's bylaws, which state explicitly that when a commission wants to take an action (such as approve a CD series), it should bring the idea to the full council for approval.
- Father explained that he had approved the CDs as a way of supplementing the library by the confessionals and hadn't been intending to circumvent the council.

- Gerry Amprimo says the CDs have been very popular; she has sold 164 and has placed two additional orders. One family wants to purchase one of each of the CDs (one of each of the entire collection).
- The council voted to keep the CDs kiosk permanently.
- Paul's reading of the bylaws reminded the council that we need to review the bylaws, which still contain a voting method that we no longer use.

C. Easter Egg Hunt

- There will be an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:30 Mass on Palm Sunday

D. Holy Hour on Friday, March 5, at 7 am

- Just a reminder

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- Bylaws review
- Election review
- Pastoral council membership drive

VIII. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:33. The next meeting will be on April 6.