

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

March 1, 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
Beth Buczko, family life
Dottie Adams, hospitality
Frank Adams, hospitality
Therese Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)
John Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)
Carla Dell'Olio, vocations
Franco Dell'Olio, vocations
Stan Wyman, finance committee
Donna Grady, music ministry
Tom Grady

***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

- There's a problem of people bringing in the A-frame signboard meant for outside and using it indoors.
- This topic segued into discussion of how to regulate the use of the space in the common area (e.g., sign-ups for the floor space, as at a fair, and explaining again the protocols for getting things posted on the Communications Commission bulletin board).

--We'll take this topic up at our next meeting.

B. Family Life

- Presidents' Day Sliding Party on the church grounds was attended by 7 children and 5 adults, who enjoyed themselves.
- Tom Grady raised the question of where the NCYC team fits in the Pastoral Council hierarchy. (Answer: Religious Education) Currently Lucy Nauman seems to be heading up the group.

C. Hospitality

- Planning the Holy Thursday potluck

D. Marriage Enrichment

- March 13, the first TOOL team will have a retreat at Genesis House.
- Two more groups have started; there's the possibility of a third

E. Spiritual Life

- This week giving out Lenten booklets
- Fr. Pat Martin will lead the Lenten Mission
- The diocese has been holding workshops on implementation of the new Roman Missal for Spiritual Life Commission members, musicians, directors of religious education, etc. There will be two in March and one in April.
- one can view the changes to the Missal at the diocesan website, at this page:
<http://www.diospringfield.org/romanmissal/index.html>

F. Vocations

- presentations at two Masses: Vocations Cross will become Vocations Chalice during Lent.
- May 29: luncheon for all the seminarians (23 in all) upstairs at the Social Center at noon
- proceeds to the fund for the seminarians

5. Old Business

(no old business)

6. New Business

A. Stan Wyman—finance update

- \$11,393 in assets in the building fund
- 29,800 total assets
- Deficit of \$18,000, from a rise in salaries and other expenses (e.g., Catholic Mirror cost more than expected)

7. Topics for Next Month

A. Plan for assigning floor space in the gathering space

8. Closing Remarks and Prayer

A. Deacon Francis's Take and Eat Program is getting under way

B. Discussion groups on books and videos going well

C. Bible study that expands on the Generations of Faith program will run for 23 weeks

D. Music ministry ramping up

--Will be going to another choir convention this year, which is two years back to back (which is unusual) in order to learn about changes due to missal changes.

Adjournment. The next meeting will be on April 5, 2011.