

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

April 6, 2010

In attendance:

|                 |                   |                            |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Fr. Vern</b> | <b>Decoteau</b>   | <b>Pastor</b>              |
| <b>Bill</b>     | <b>Brawner</b>    | <b>Deacon</b>              |
| <b>Paul</b>     | <b>Pierce</b>     | <b>Chair</b>               |
| <b>Debbie</b>   | <b>Fish</b>       | <b>Co-Chair</b>            |
| <b>Dave</b>     | <b>Adams</b>      | <b>Communications</b>      |
| <b>Geri</b>     | <b>Amprimo</b>    | <b>Attendee</b>            |
| <b>Beth</b>     | <b>Buczko</b>     | <b>Family Life</b>         |
| <b>Tom</b>      | <b>Curto</b>      | <b>Hospitality</b>         |
| <b>Franco</b>   | <b>Dell O'lio</b> | <b>Vocations</b>           |
| <b>Carla H.</b> | <b>Dell'Olio</b>  | <b>Vocations</b>           |
| <b>Judith</b>   | <b>Dudek</b>      | <b>Spiritual Life</b>      |
| <b>Lorie</b>    | <b>Erickson</b>   | <b>Family Life</b>         |
|                 |                   | <b>Liaison</b>             |
| <b>Ray</b>      | <b>Fontaine</b>   | <b>Communications</b>      |
| <b>Donna</b>    | <b>Grady</b>      | <b>Liaison Music</b>       |
| <b>Evrett</b>   | <b>Hume</b>       | <b>Deanery Council Rep</b> |
| <b>Pam</b>      | <b>Letendre</b>   | <b>Hospitality</b>         |
| <b>Paula</b>    | <b>Moran</b>      | <b>Marriage Enrichment</b> |
| <b>Stan</b>     | <b>Wyman</b>      | <b>Finance Liaison</b>     |

**I. Paul Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:28** following the ground breaking ceremony for the new rectory

**II. Prayer – Father Vern**

**III. Previous minutes accepted.** Chair requested the agenda be reviewed and asked for changes with none forthcoming. Chair reminded meeting that through a review of the by-laws, the chair for the coming year was to be elected at this meeting.

**Calendar review for April completed.**

**IV. Commission Reports**

**A. Communications**

Bill Bowen voiced a need to clarify the annual Council Volunteer process and requested a calendar date framework. Chair stated this item would be reviewed later during this meeting. Bill Bowen then went on to state that changes were also needed for the new Parish pamphlet.

**B. Family Life**

- Parish has an interest in outdoor movie theme, bowling, and after Mass socials re recent Family Life Questionnaire results.
- Brief discussion concerning potential films; suggested Evan Almighty; Up.
- Confirmed that there will be no Parish picnic this year.

**C. Hospitality**

- Holy Thursday potluck best in recent years with 85+ participating
- Cake will be served following Confirmation

#### **D. Marriage Enrichment**

- Teams of Our Lady first meeting was very successful, but more couples are needed as 8 is too many for productive interactions. Info will be placed in bulletin again.

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

- Lenten Mission, Holy Week & Easter accomplished
- Mission speakers for the next three years are confirmed: Father Pat, Father Savage, Father Juger

#### **F. Vocations**

- Easter cards sent to seminarians
- Seminarian Peter Naranjo update - assigned to Holyoke for the summer session
- No Seminarian requested this summer as a result of the building project

#### **V. Old Business** no topics

#### **A. Finance Report**

No report

#### **VI. New Business**

##### **A. Review of the Parish Council Bylaws**

- Discussion re technical notations relative to Topic, Paragraph, Section, etc. to acclimate meeting to the document
- Evrett Hume clarified that the format is standard and accepted, and cannot be deviated from

Sections:

4.1 - state short term/long term ... add term, remove hyphen

5.2 - change elected to selected (Make change throughout the document)

5.3 - Election Process changes to Selection Process

5.3.1 - elections to selections

5.3.2.1 - after word elected, add from the existing council

5.3.2.2 - Edit to read - At a time to be determined in the Spring.

5.3.2.3 - Edit to read - After the above time

5.3.2.4 to 5.3.2.6 delete words but leave item subtitle; ie 5.3.2.4

5.3.2.7 replace installation of new council members with all accepted new council members invited to attend

5.3.2.8 (*addition*) It is the responsibility of each commission to elect a chair and co-chair during the months of June to September

5.3.2.9 (*addition*) the elected Chairs and Co-chairs will attend and participate in the September Council meeting; Formal Commissioning ceremony in October.

5.3.5 - to read Chair and Co-chair, a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 6 years

Discussion:

- Use March 2009 recruitment process guidelines
- Change Faith Development to Marriage Enrichment
- Two commissions describe each weekend...
- All commissions present
- Discussion re success of the self-volunteer/nominating process over former nominating for commission with a follow-up vote. Pros and cons reviewed.

6.1.1 - word elected remains

6.1.2 - change elected to selected

6.1.3 - change elected to selected

6.2 - change Faith Development to Marriage Enrichment ... *throughout the document*

6.5 - after word faith, add through Marriage Enrichment.

6.5.1 - change educational to marriage enrichment; delete beyond a formal religious education program; change faith to marriage; change ages to couple; delete last sentence "The Faith....for total parish use."

6.6.1 - delete Advent Wreath Making

7.1 - change June to September throughout the item

Last Page

- strike through May 1, 2007 and add April 6, 2010
- strike through Stephen Forrest and add Paul Pierce

**B.** 8:45 PM - close discussion and review of bylaws; task completed

**C.** Motion and accepted: Move election of Parish Council Chair, Co-Chair, and Secretary to June 2010 meeting.

**D.** Council endorsed request by Father Vern re parishioner Michele Gousy to organize trip to see Father Corapi on Oct 29th in June with transportation and admission charge

**E.** Geri Amprimo requested council endorsement to invite Father Alex to speak re the Life of St. Francis. Council endorsed, subject to funding.

#### **VII. Topics for Next Meeting**

Father Alex update

Acceptance of Revised Bylaw Revision

Recruitment and selection of new council members

#### **VIII. Closing Prayer**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:56. The next meeting will be on May 4.**

**Respectfully submitted, Paula Moran**