

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

April 5, 2011

Present at the meeting\*\*

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor  
Debbie Fish, chair  
Paula Moran, co-chair  
Francesca Forrest, secretary  
Dave Adams, communications  
Ray Fontaine, communications  
Courtney Crosby, communications  
Jeanne Brzycki, liaison communications, deanery council rep  
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  
Stan Wyman, finance committee  
Everett Hume, diocesan rep, deanery council rep  
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.*

### **1. Meeting called to order around 8:20 (following Lenten Mission)**

### **2. Prayer – Father Vern**

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

### **4. Commission Reports**

#### **A. Communications**

-- no new business

#### **B. Family Life**

-- Plan to show a movie outdoors on the weekend school ends

-- Later in summer perhaps host an outdoor family game night

#### **C. Hospitality**

-- Getting volunteers for the potluck supper on Holy Thursday: setup 4-6 pm  
Wednesday

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

-- Teams of Our Lady retreat was good (held at Genesis Spiritual House)

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

-- Video on translation of the missal shown to committee members

-- More activity on the new missal in the fall

## **F. Vocations**

- Fr. Dailey will come to the seminarians' luncheon (being hosted jointly with Knights of Columbus), May 29
- The *Catholic Mirror* mentioned the luncheon, so that may increase attendance
- There will also be a gift box (to leave monetary gifts and gift cards) at the luncheon

## **5. Old Business**

**A. NCYC contact person: Lucy and David Nauman are the contact people**

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Protocols for reserving space in gathering space**

- Regarding posters for display, current pastoral council policy is that no posters may be put up on any of the display boards without first getting permission from the Communications Commission
- Inform/remind parish of this fact through a message in the bulletin and online at the website
- Regarding reserving space for tables in the gathering space, the following procedure was suggested:
  - Have people fill out a form to reserve space in the gathering space
  - Have the forms kept at the parish office
  - Office secretary to hold the forms, put the reserved space on the calendar
- Question of whether this will be an undue burden on office secretary
- Further discussion to occur at next meeting

## **7. Other Topics Discussed**

### **A. Easter egg roll**

- To be held on Palm Sunday
- Donna Grady collecting donations of candy for it

### **B. Everett Hume's report**

- Deanery pastoral councils will be reconstituted; there will be one representative from the pastoral council and one appointed by the pastor. (We are the Hampden East Deanery); not sure yet when it will start.
- Mark Dupont, who oversees the Catholic Mirror, is looking for feedback.
  - Carla: articles very good
  - Fr. Vern: huge financial burden (\$7,000; only \$300 in donations)
  - It's a three-year commitment, but the parish can cut down on the number it receives.

## **8. Topics for Next Month**

**A. Continue discussion on reserving space**

## **9. Closing Remarks and Prayer**

**A. Letter on the parish's financial situation will go out with Easter letter. March minutes need to be corrected to cut out the line about operations; simply say "Deficit of \$18,000"**

**Adjournment at 9:30. The next meeting will be on May 3, 2011.**

