

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 25, 2007

Member's Present: Kathy Abrahams, Beth Buczko, Judy Dudek, Terry Coty and Fr. Vern

1. Fr. Vern opened our meeting with prayer.
2. APPRECIATION GIFT: We have learned that Lisa will be moving to Laconia, NH. Kathy indicated that we have a balance in the budget to cover her gift. Fr. Vern showed us a framed picture by Dr. Schmidt taken of the church window above the altar. All approved getting this as an appreciation gift.
3. LIBRARY UPDATE: Kathy A. indicated that the library is being used. Need to look at box of cassettes and categorize them. Kathy A. and Judy D. stated that would be an undertaking for this summer. Kathy A. stated she will stay on as lead person for the Church library. Catalogue directory will have to be amended after this undertaking. Kathy also asked about the children's books located in the Tovett's Room. She stated she will place them in the library if they are still there this summer.
4. ST. FRANCIS TRANSITUS: This year's date is 10/3. Fr. Vern states it is too early now to see who will be covering for him. We should know by the end of the summer. Materials are in place and who will be involved has been resolved.
5. MEMORIAL MASSES: This was discussed as to how we progress in having masses said. We learned to call Pat Akins who contacts Jean Wadsworth who in turn gets the Mass card out for the deceased of our parish. She also takes care of scheduling the Mass and sending out the Mass cards.
6. PASTORAL COUNCIL: Fr. Vern expressed an inaugural gathering to spiritually connect and instill a "sense of unity". Steve F. is in total agreement. Fr. Vern suggested the first meeting will be on Tuesday evening on 9/4 with a Mass at 7pm and extend an open invitation for all members of the different commissions and Pastoral Council to attend. Will check with the Hospitality Committee to see if they can provide some refreshments for that evening. Monthly meeting will follow.
7. EVENING OF RECOLLECTION: Members felt this had gone by the wayside. Fr. Vern stated he was not aware of such an evening. He feels this is part of the mission we hold in the parish and embraces Adoration and First Fridays. Fr. Vern would "like to promote what we have going before adding new programs. Next year will include the memorial mass for deceased children.
8. CALENDAR for 2007-2008: Like to stay 2 yrs. ahead with the agendas. Fr. Montminy is scheduled to do the 2008 Lenten mission. Advent and Lenten

booklets will be amended in July. On Sept. 4 - Mass for Pastoral Council members and all other committees followed by the first meeting of the calendar year. Oct. 3 – Transitus, Oct. 7th – animal blessing after 10:30 am Mass.

9. SHAWL MINISTRY UPDATE: No report was given as Pat Antonovitch was not present. The next meeting will occur in the Fall.
10. ADORATION UPDATE: Since Pam Letendre was not present, the parish appeal will take place within a few weekends.
11. SPIRITUAL LIFE CO-CHAIRPERSONS: Judy Dudek and Terry Coty will assume Cp-Chairs as of our next meeting on May 22. Terry will be responsible for agendas and will email committee members re: meeting date and agenda 1 week preceding that date. Judy will conduct the meetings.
12. NEW BUSINESS: Beth Buczko introduced the idea of creating a Parish Support Group available to parishioners coping with specific situations such as Cancer, Divorce, a Child's Death, etc. Perhaps there are parishioners who have/are experiencing a similar situation which would provide a support group. Fr. Vern suggested that she speak with the Bereavement Commission about this as there may be some overlapping of purpose.
13. NEXT MEETING: This is the last meeting of the Liturgical Year and it is scheduled for Tuesday, May 22 at 6:30 PM in the rectory. Also we need to address whether our next meeting for the beginning of the Liturgical Year should be at the end of August or the beginning of Sept.
14. Meeting closed at 8PM with a closing prayer by Fr. Vern.
15. Notes taken by and minutes completed by Terry Coty