

I. Paul Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm

II. Prayer – Father Vern

III. Agenda Items

A. Acceptance of Pastoral Council Minutes

Motion to accept: Beth Buczko

Seconded: Pat Crosby

B. Review Agenda, Calendar

C. Commission Reports

1. Communications

-- (report to be given under “Old Business”)

--3 signed up as interested in helping Communications

2. Faith Development

--(no members present)

3. Family Life

-- 10 people signed up to volunteer as Helping Hands; 5 people signed up to help the woman who needed transportation to Worcester for chemotherapy.

-- 16 people signed up as interested in helping Family Life

4. Hospitality

--Will provide refreshments for Confirmation on May 30

--20 people signed up as interested in helping Hospitality

5. Spiritual Life

--no one signed up to help with Spiritual Life

6. Vocations

-- 3 signed up as interested in helping Vocations

-- Vocations Cross signed out through July

IV. Old Business

A. Monument to the Unborn

--Working on fundraising

--Aiming for October to install the bench, engraved with poem

--\$1,800 cost

B. Recruitment Process for Pastoral Council

- Commission presentations went well
- Have new members start by October

C. Parish Directory

- Many complaints about the photography company; we won't use them again

D. New Rectory

- Land engineers proposed \$21,000's worth of work—no thanks; we'll do work ourselves
- Met with Paul Adzima (zoning, building inspector), with Environmental Commission
 - get the land reflagged
 - must stay 100 ft from wetlands
 - to have someone do the flagging and site the house will only cost \$1,000
- Fr. Vern joined "Direct Buy" in West Springfield to buy things like siding, shingles, etc. direct from manufacturers.
- 5 contractors and electricians from town have expressed interest

V. New Business

A. New Commission Members

- (covered above)

B. Generations of Faith Theme for Next Year

- Possible themes for next year include (a) social justice and (b) prayer
- Guest speaker Carolyn Vogt-Groves, who came on the last session of G of F, said, "Your parish has given me hope." –nice!

C. Council Chair and Co-Chair Election

- Paul Pierce and Debbie Fish reelected to serve as chair and co-chair, respectively, of the council

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D. Other

- K of C is hosting a living rosary on Wednesday, May 27
- Bill Brawner will be [was, by the time of the writing of the minutes] ordained on Saturday, May 9
- St. Francis will host another seminarian during the summer
- Pam from Bethlehem House asked if the parish would host another baby shower: Yes; family life will coordinate it—sometime during the summer.
- Saturday, May 9: Deanery gathering re: pastoral planning, at St. John's in Ludlow
- Stan Wyman: Mother's Day cash raffle going well—will probably net \$2,5000 350 families bought raffle tickets [by comparison, 160 families donated money for to cover the church's fuel costs; total donated was \$9,300, plus a single \$10,000 gift)

VI. Topics for next meeting

--none noted

VII. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned before 9.

The next meeting will be on June 2.