

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

June 1, 2010

Present at the meeting**

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor
Paul Pierce, chair
Debbie Fish, co-chair
Francesca Forrest, secretary
Paula Moran, marriage enrichment
Bill Bowen, communications
David Adams, communications
Beth Buczko, family life
Lorie Erickson, family life
Judy Dudeck, spiritual life
Franco Dell'Olio, vocations
Donna Grady, music
Everett Hume, deanery council representative
Stan Wyman, finance committee
Pam Letendre
Jeanne Brzycki
Patti Pierce

***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. Father Vern called the meeting to order at 7:30

II. Prayer – Father Vern

III. Previous minutes and current agenda accepted

IV. Commission Reports

A. Communications

- selection list out for commission members
- Pam's nominees not on list---did some slip through?
- some people signed up for multiple commissions

B. Family Life

- June 25 will show the movie *Up*
 - in case of rain, it will play upstairs in the social center
 - 15 families minimum to have it happen
- possibly miniature golf later in the summer

C. Hospitality

--Confirmation reception went well

D. Marriage Enrichment

-- third meeting of TOOLS; things going well

E. Spiritual Life

-- May 18 was last meeting; next one is in August

F. Vocations

-- last Friday holy hour is Friday, June 4

-- ordination of new priests is Saturday, June 5

V. Old Business

A. Revised Bylaws

--they are fine

B. Recruitment to Commissions

--each commission will call its own candidates; Communications Commission will call people who signed up for multiple commissions.

-- to discuss for next year: maybe doing recruiting on different dates to avoid First Communion ceremonies

--problem is that bylaws specify April for recruiting

--a motion was made and seconded to discuss this more in September

C. Religious Education

-- selection committee to search for a replacement for Judy Trickey is in place (8 members)

-- Judy will stay to help transition

D. Generations of Faith Planning

-- the team will work on planning *next* year's Generations of Faith; this year we may use a film series

E. Freezer Update

-- no new freezer; instead, the old freezer was repaired for \$1500; money from the Food Pantry's budget.

--make arrangements to have it cleaned regularly

--the option of installing some type of alarm for the Pine Room to alert when the freezer stops running is still being reviewed

--Food Pantry will pay to replace the food that was lost with its money (currently it has \$18,000)

VI. New Business

A. October Commissioning Mass

-- Father David Darcy will be our guest priest/presenter

B. Belchertown's 250th Anniversary

-- a town group is organizing a December 31st "First Night" and would like St. Francis to participate

--low-cost or no-cost family activities

- Franco share some initial ideas: serve soup; have a children's table to assemble bookmark with images of old and new St. Francis church; exhibit of historic photos; gallery of art
- we need to send a representative to sit on the group: Debbie Fish will go to the summer meetings
- put it on the agenda for September

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- recruitment schedule
- First Night
- announcement of new commission chairs

VIII. Closing Remarks and Prayer

- Stan reviewed finances
- July 1, 2009 – April 30, 2010: \$271,736 intake from weekly Masses (down \$3,400 from last year
- \$55,000 (approx) intake from extra collections
- \$323,000 in expenses over the same period
- Building Fund had intake of \$343,000 over that period; mortgage payments are hitting budget

Meeting adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting will be on September 7, 2010.