

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

September 1, 2009

Name	Position	6/2 /09	9/1 /09	
Father Vern Decoteau	Pastor	X	X	
Bill Brawner	Deacon	X	X	
Peter Naranto	Seminarian	X	(no longer here)	
Paul Pierce	Chair	X	X	
Debbie Fish	Co-Chair	X		
Francesca Forrest	Secretary	X	X	

Name	Position	6/2 /09	9/1 /09	
Bill Bowen	Communications		X	
Dave Adams	Communications	X	X	
Marianne Abuselmi	Faith Development			
Paula Moran	Faith Development	X		
Pat Crosby	Family Life			
Beth Buczko	Family Life	X	X	
Pam Letendre	Hospitality	X	X	
Tom Curto	Hospitality			
Pat Antonovich	Spiritual Life		X	
Judy Dudek	Spiritual Life	X	X	
Rita Gallagher	Vocations	X	X	
Franco and Carla Dell'Olio	Vocations	X	X	

Nonvoting Members/Attendees

Name	Position	6/2/ 09	9/1/ 09	
Judy Tricky	Ex-officio Member, Religious Education	X		
Jeanne Brzycki	Liaison Communications	X		
Ray Fontaine	Liaison Communications	X	X	

Stan Wyman	Finance Committee	X	X	
Donna Grady	Liaison Music		X	
Everett Hume	Deanery Council Rep.	X	X	
Lisa Desroches	Calendar Keeper		X	

I. Paul Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm

II. Prayer – Father Vern

III. Agenda Items

A. Acceptance of Pastoral Council Minutes

Motion to accept: Judy Dudek

Seconded: Pat Antonovich

B. Review Agenda, Calendar

C. Commission Reports

1. Communications

-- To be covered in Old Business

2. Faith Development

-- No members present

3. Family Life

-- Will hold its elections of commission chairs at end of September (other commissions will, too)

-- Will be getting an extension on the parish phone line for the Helping Hands ministry

4. Hospitality

--Co-chair Tom Curto may not be able to fulfill his role as co-chair; Pam Letendre is looking for others who might step up. Possibly one of the new people.

--No Transitus potluck supper this year

--Sept 19-20: will provide refreshments after the Generations of Faith concert event

--October 4: will provide refreshments after the Confirmation candidates meeting

--October 6: will provide refreshments after the volunteer (ministry) Mass

--November 15 will be the anniversary celebration for our new church—to be held in the Pine Room

5. Spiritual Life

--Pat Antonovich and Judy Dudek will be the co-chairs of the commission

--Holy Hour at 7pm on first Fridays of the month for a year—for the year of the priest

--Rita Gallagher (of the Vocations commission) presented a prayer to be put in hymnals to be prayed at Mass by the congregation after the bidding prayers.

6. Vocations

-- Will continue its focus on praying for seminarians

-- Has three new members: Barbara Hume, Rita Vagney, and Barbara Chiapetta.

D. Selection of Commission Co-Chairs

- This will be done or has been done by the commissions themselves, in their meetings

E. Old Business

1. Monument to the Unborn

- Money has all been collected
- Will be engraved with a two-line prayer
- Will be installed in the second week in October
- The Knights are looking for a donation of bluestone for underneath it.

2. Parish Directory

- It continues to be the Pastoral Council's resounding intention never to use Life Touch again.
- Among the many problems: there were pictures missing from the proofs
- Nevertheless, the directory is finished now; should be handed out around Thanksgiving

3. New Rectory

- Filed with the Conservation Commission; meeting on Sept 14
- Shouldn't have any problems
- Parishioner John Gerard had the lowest bid, \$209,000
- savings through strategies like buying from Direct Buy
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4. Volunteer Mass

- 7pm on October 6; Monsignor LeClerc to be the celebrant
- He wants a theme to speak on: prayer?

E. New Business and Topics for Next Meeting

1. Making new parishioners from the closed churches welcome here

- This ties in with the bread ministry that has been talked about at past meetings.
- We get about 50 new families a year; Father meets with all of them; they get the Communications Commission packet for new families
- Franco Dell'Olio and Martha Lofland and Bill Bowen's wife Debbie will talk about making and delivering loafs of bread to new parishioners.

2. Everett Hume: There will be a new medium of communication from the diocese this fall

- It will be a magazine, to replace the Observer newspaper

3. Stan Wyman: Tag Sale

- 13,500 in sales, profit of 8,300. There may be about another \$1,000, part of which will be profit.
- Some leftover stuff will be sold on the weekend of the Belchertown Fair (September 25-27)
- expenses for the tag sale were around \$5,000 instead of the more typical \$4,000, because of the bad weather (intense rain)

4. Donna Grady: Choir starts September 12;Choir weekend will be Oct 24-25

- on that weekend, choir will sing at all Masses

5. Lessons and Carols event for January 3, for Epiphany

VI. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

The next meeting will be on October 6.