

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

September 7, 2010

Present at the meeting**

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor
Debbie Fish, chair
Paula Moran, co-chair; marriage enrichment
Francesca Forrest, secretary
Deacon Bill Brawner
Ray Fontaine, communications
David Adams, communications
Courtney Crosby, communications
Beth Buczko, family life
Lorie Erickson, family life
Dottie Adams, hospitality
Frank Adams, hospitality
Pam Letendre, spiritual life
Judy Dudek, spiritual life
Carla Dell'Olio, vocations
Franco Dell'Olio, vocations
Gayle Tyler, vocations
Donna Grady, music

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

2. Prayer – Father Vern

3. Previous minutes and current agenda accepted; calendar reviewed

4. Commission Reports

A. Communications

--updating the e-mail list

B. Family Life

-- outdoor movie in June (Up); 40-50 people came; K of C provided popcorn and lemonade

--new people have joined commission.

C. Hospitality

--potluck supper on October 3 (before Transitus)

--Pam Letendre will help Dottie and Frank Adams transition in.

D. Marriage Enrichment

-- no one has come forward to serve as a representative on pastoral council

E. Spiritual Life

-- three new members, two came to August meeting.

F. Vocations

-- two new members: Gayle Tyler and Barbara Chiapetta

-- showed the council *Vision* magazine—a religious vocation discernment guide with interesting articles.

5. Old Business

A. Commissioning Mass: October 5, 7:00 pm

--Fr. David Darcy will celebrate

B. First Night Program for Belchertown's 250th Anniversary

--contact is Gloria Fortunato

--difficulties being in touch over the summer

--since other groups will be offering soup, some other, new suggestions for what St. Francis could do include: having a silent movie, having a photo booth with vintage costumes

--contact NCYC group leader (Deb Robinson) and see if they want to sell bake sale goods

C. Recruitment Schedule

-- suggestion to have just one sheet and make it be more complete

-- do it in September (or in any case, in the fall); less busy than in the spring

--possibly change bylaws

6. New Business

A. Announcement of New Commission Chairs

-- Communications: Ray Fontaine and Dave Adams

--Family Life: Lorie Erickson and Beth Buckzo

--Hospitality: Frank and Dottie Adams

--Marriage Enrichment: no one yet

--Spiritual Life: Pam Letendre and Judy Dudek

--Vocations: Carla and Franco Dell'Olio

B. Welcoming New Director of Religious Education

-- Carolyn Groves

C. Adopting an Unborn Child

--Beginning in January and finishing in October

--Prayer by Fr. Sheehan

--Pick a name, pray for an unborn baby of that name

--put an announcement in the bulletin to make people aware

D. (additional) National Convention of Music in Detroit

--Donna Grady and Karl Hammond went

E. (additional) Changes coming to the liturgy

--New mass settings, retranslations of prayers and music

--Fr. Vern is the head of the group to implement the translation in the diocese.

--October 14: first informational sessions

--new elements will be introduced a bit at a time, over two to three months

--should be done by Sept-Oct 2011

G. (additional) Tom Curto replaced Jerry Desilets as maintenance person

H. (additional) New Rectory

--it's on schedule

--insulation and drywall next

--volunteers lined up to help paint.

7. Topics for Next Meeting

A. Council Photo at Conclusion of October Meeting

B. More on Welcoming Carolyn Groves

C. Commissioning Mass

D. Talk to Everett Hume about changing bylaws to reflect change in when we get new members for commissions.

E. First Night

8. Closing Remarks and Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:45. The next meeting will be on October 5, 2010.