

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

September 6, 2011

Present at the meeting\*\*

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor  
Debbie Fish, chair  
Francesca Forrest, secretary  
Deacon Bill Brawner, deacon  
Ray Fontaine, communications  
Dave Adams, communications  
Jeanne Brzycki  
Beth Buczko, family life  
Frank Adams, hospitality  
Dottie Adams, hospitality  
Therese Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)  
John Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)  
Carla Dell'Olio, vocations  
Franco Dell'Olio, vocations  
Gayle Tyler, vocations  
Stan Wyman, finance committee  
Carolyn Groves, director, religious education  
Donna Grady, music ministry

*\*\*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. Meeting called to order around 7:30**

**2. Prayer – Father Vern**

**3. Previous minutes and current agenda accepted; calendar reviewed**

**4. Commission Reports**

**A. Communications**

- More communication! Liaise with Channel 5, get word out if something's going on
- Also Facebook, also parish website

**B. Family Life**

- No late-summer movie (cancelled because of rain; also, not many signed up)
- Flyer about cancer support, bereavement, Helping Hands to go in weekly bulletin

**C. Hospitality**

- Reserved space for potluck sign-up for Transitus, Oct 3

#### **D. Marriage Enrichment**

- Paula Moran resigned
- Summer off, first meeting in late September
- One couple dropped out of Teams of Our Lady, another couple interested (and possibly one more in addition to that)
- Currently three teams
- Teams of Our Lady had a great retreat. Shared wedding photos. Maybe will share photos in gathering space or on Facebook.

#### **E. Spiritual Life**

- Three things to evangelize inactive members: (1) increase adoration program (2) Generations of Faith program (give out CDs at sign-up) (3) engage through getting word out (*Sentinel*, Channel 5, etc.)
- Fr. Vern: may also give out CDs at Christmas time. Another possibility for a giveaway: *Rediscovering Catholicism* book.
- Brainstorming: get people's e-mails (do more with e-mail); put CYO basketball schedule in the weekly bulletin.
- new missals coming at end of September
- October: music ministry will start w/new music
- September 18<sup>th</sup>: Catholic Communications coming to do a video
- Fr. Vern did four videos explaining the new missal

#### **F. Vocations**

- Vocations cross doing well—filled until beginning of next year
- Envelope in bulletin for donation to seminarians
- November 26: 7 will be ordained to deaconate

### **5. Old Business**

#### **A. Flu Clinic**

- What commission will oversee it? → Family Life. Put note in bulletin asking for people to volunteer to help out with it (to help organize signups, tables on the day)

#### **B. Generations of Faith Mass → General Commissioning Mass**

- October 2 at 5 pm
- Use it to celebrate all who are serving the community (altar servers, Pastoral Council members, etc.)
- Confirmation candidates' rite of enrollment is same night

### **6. New Business**

#### **A. Election of Chair and Co-Chair**

- Franco Dell'Olio new chair; Ray Fontaine new co-chair

#### **B. Evangelization Discussion (covered under Spiritual Life)**

### **7. Topics for Next Meeting**

- no notes on this: just something on more discussion of planning out getting new members for the commissions?

### **8. Stan Wyman's Presentation on the Finances**

- Letter explaining the dire situation
- Discussed the additional Generations of Faith cost (due to room charge instituted by school): council members agreed that raising tuition to \$100 would be okay, Carolyn will also follow-up with the school since fee was not introduced until after agreement/plan to use the school.
- There will be an open meeting for active members to try to come up with more ideas

### **9. Closing Remarks and Prayer**

- Meeting closed at approximately 9:15, if I recall correctly.

**The next meeting will be on October 4, 2011.**