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1. Steve Forrest called the meeting to order at 7:35

II. Prayer

III. Agenda Items

(note: error in September minutes –Father Steve McGuigan, and not Father Jack Sheaffer, will celebrate the Transitus service on Oct. 3)

A. Acceptance of Pastoral Council minutes

- Motion to accept the minutes for both June and September—Judy Dudek
- Seconded—Pat Crosby
- Vote was unanimous.

B. Review November calendar; other handouts

- Dave Adams took dates for November calendar
- Other handouts: Pastoral Council directory, Generations of Faith calendar of events, Crop Walk pledge collection forms, Communications Commission’s “Gifts of Time and Talent” booklet,” and handouts to accompany Everett Hume’s presentation.

C. Presentation by Everett Hume

- The Diocesan Council is offering training for parish pastoral councils.
- There are three topics: starting a council, consensus decision making, and pastoral planning (in the sense of planning the future direction of the pastoral council and the parish—not parish closings)
- Our council is interested in pastoral planning, so Everett talked on that topic
 - To plan for future, the pastoral council must look at the mission statement
 - Solicit opinions on where parish should be in XX months or years in the future.
 - Plan a way to achieve those goals
 - Evaluate how well the plan is working
- Discussion was lively.
- Council members were urged to attend one of the four training sessions—by calling the director of pastoral planning at 413-452-0652

D. Commission goals for the year ahead

- Steve Forrest said one goal he has for the pastoral council as a whole is a yearly retreat.
- Bill Bowen presented on revising the parish packet that new parishioners receive and asked council members for their input on revising the “Gifts of Time and Talent” booklet for next meeting.

- All commissions were asked to spend some time in the coming month to formulate their specific goals for the year ahead, ready to share them with the council in November.

E. New business

- Beth Buczko spoke about commemorating special anniversaries.

IV. Closing Prayer

V. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05

VI. After the meeting, the council photo was taken

VII. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 6