

## PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

October 4, 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  
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  
Stan Wyman, finance committee

*\*\*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**

- With the exception of Vocations (which signed up for October 15–16), no commissions have yet signed up for a slot to present their commission's work to the parish.
- Marriage enrichment will not present (Teams of Our Lady comprises its entire work right now, and TOOL does its own presentations as needed to increase membership).
- Communications will do October 15–16; Family Life will do October 22–23. Hospitality? Father Vern will present for Spiritual Life during his fourth liturgy talk (during Mass).

#### **B. Family Life**

- Lorie Erickson resigned.
- Problem of no one coming to meeting.

- Problem of lack of communication from CYO (which is now headed by Karen Corey) about games.
- A meeting may not actually be required so long as the ministries under the umbrella of Family Life report in once a month by phone or e-mail. If they don't report in, then one solution may be to contact them to ask for a report.
- Stan Wyman suggests a method of a form letter that each ministry could turn in monthly.
- Heads of ministries could be enlisted as commission co-chairs.

### **C. Hospitality**

- Plenty of help for the potluck supper on October 3. Four more attendees than last year.

### **D. Marriage Enrichment**

- Therese Rakouskas was able to get in touch with the RCs ("responsible couples") heading up the other two parish Teams of Our Lady to discuss getting together to plan a TOOL retreat and TOOL promotion.
- There will be a more or less permanent display on TOOL on a bulletin board in the gathering space.

### **E. Spiritual Life**

- Fr. Vern has chosen an Advent booklet.
- Pam Letendre will speak to promote Adoration.
- Transitus went well.
- Next meeting will talk about evangelization at Christmastime (give out CDs? There is a series on Catholicism. Fr. Vern: "the media is the new Jesuits")

### **F. Vocations**

- Workday event on October 29 to stuff mailings on the Seminarians Gift Card program for Christmas.
- Tom Curto can help with setting up tables for the event.

## **5. Old Business**

### **A. Flu Clinic**

- cancelled due to lack of signups. (Insurance will cover it if you go through your GP, so people are not as interested in getting it elsewhere, where you have to pay.)

### **B. Nominations for Commissions**

- Discussed in the Communications Commission report, above.

### **C. Evangelization**

- Debbie Fish: Commissions should remember to talk about what they're doing, what they want to promote.
- Carla Dell'Olio: Take advantage of special supplemental sections to the *Sentinel*. A person from the Communications Commission could be the parish point person for the *Sentinel*.
- Stan Wyman: Tag sale was advertised in all Turley Publications (parent organization of the *Sentinel* and other nearby town publications), which did a good job featuring it in the *Sentinel* but didn't get it in the *Sentinel* calendar section.
- Therese Rakouskas: If commissions e-mail Jeanne Brzycki, she can announce information on the parish website and on the parish's Facebook page.

- Deacon Bill: To publicize events diocese-wide, the Communications Commission point person can get in touch with Mark Dupont, who puts together informational packets for the parishes.

## **6. New Business**

### **A. Brief Report from Stan Wyman**

- Collections up 3% but still \$28,000 short.
- Stan sends a financial report each month to the various parish ministries.

### **B. Transition of Chair and Co-chair positions**

- Gift to Debbie and sincere thanks for her service.

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

- none mentioned specifically

## **8. Closing Remarks and Prayer**

**The next meeting will be on November 1, 2011, after 6:30 PM Mass.**