

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

December 1, 2009

Name	Position	6/2 /09	9/1 /09	10/ 06/ 09	11/ 03/ 09	12/ 01/ 09
Father Vern Decoteau	Pastor	X	X	X	X	X
Bill Brawner	Deacon	X	X	X	X	X
Peter Naranjo	Seminarian	X	(no longer here)			
Paul Pierce	Chair	X	X	X	X	X
Debbie Fish	Co-Chair	X		X	X	X
Francesca Forrest	Secretary	X	X	X	X	X

Name	Position	6/2 /09	9/1 /09	10/ 06/ 09	11/ 03/ 09	12/ 01/ 09
Bill Bowen	Communications		X		X	X
Dave Adams	Communications	X	X	X	X	X
Paula Moran	Faith Development	X			X	X
Lorie Erickson	Family Life			X	X	
Beth Buczko	Family Life	X	X	X	X	X
Pam Letendre	Hospitality	X	X	X	X	X
Rob Letendre	Hospitality			X		
Thomas Curto	Hospitality					X
Pat Antonovich	Spiritual Life		X	X	X	X
Judy Dudek	Spiritual Life	X	X	X	X	X
Rita Gallagher	Vocations	X	X		X	X
Franco and Carla Dell'Olio	Vocations	X	X	X	X	X

Nonvoting Members/Attendees

Name	Position	6/2/ 09	9/1/ 09	10/6 /09	11/3 /09	12/1 /09
Judy Tricky	Ex-officio Member, Religious Education	X		X	X	
Jeanne Brzycki	Liaison Communications	X		X	X	
Ray Fontaine	Liaison Communications	X	X	X	X	X

Stan Wyman	Finance Committee	X	X	X	X	X
Donna Grady	Liaison Music		X		X	
Everett Hume	Deanery Council Rep.	X	X	X		X
Lisa Desroches	Calendar Keeper		X			
Michele Gousy	Attendee (December)					X

Kelly Krasinkiewicz	Attendee (December)					X
Sarah Bergstrom	Attendee (December)					X
Gerri Amprimo	Attendee (December)					X

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

II. Prayer – Father Vern

**III Previous minutes accepted (Note one change: Bill Brawner had not been marked present but was, in fact, present. This has been corrected in last month’s minutes.)
Calendar review for January completed.**

IV. Commission Reports

A. Communications

-- There has been a phone and e-mail update

B. Faith Development

-- Next meeting we will discuss changing name to “Marriage Support”

-- Our guests last meeting were the Ross family, the Boudreau family, and the DuBois family.

--Planning a Sunday coffee/tea event to gauge interest level, explain tools.

--Once 3–4 couples express interest, they will arrange for a family to “pool” with the new Belchertown group for six months, to help them get established.
(Already within the pastoral council two couples are interested)

--Dues, etc., still not known.

C. Family Life

--No updates

D. Hospitality

--No updates

E. Spiritual Life

--Gave out four shawls

F. Vocations

--All the seminarians have been sent Christmas cards; vocations cross program still going strong

V. Old Business

A. Review of Always Our Children Presentation

--Gerry Amprimo, Michele Gousy, and other guests spoke about the discomfort they and others had felt at both the presentation at Mass and at Always Our Children’s film presentation and discussion upstairs in the social center on November 15, after the brunch in the Pine Room.

--They reported that many parishioners were made uncomfortable by the presentation at Mass.

- Gerry Amprimo reported that the discussion after the film strayed away from Church teachings and toward advocacy of a gay agenda in opposition to Church teachings.
 - Guests and several members of the pastoral council felt that, since the event had been sanctioned by the pastoral council, the council should make an apology and that an explanation of the Church's position should be made.
 - Father Vern noted that the organization is a recognized and accepted organization of the diocese and that the presentation in Mass had not included anything against Church teaching. He said that the movie had been all right but that the talk afterward had indeed been problematic.
 - Father Vern said that he would make a statement at Mass at the upcoming weekend (Sat-Sun Dec 5-6) clarifying that:
 - the organization is a sanctioned organization
 - the Church teaches acceptance of all people
 - our parish and the Catholic Church as a whole do not support or condone non-Catholic teaching
 - Deacon Bill recommended having a 3-minute limit for presentations at Mass.
- B. Update on the Freezer/Refrigerator Issue in the Pine Room**
- Stan Wyman said that the problem had been overblown; the solution is simply NEVER to leave leftovers after an event. Leave the Pine Room as you find it.
- C. Next Steps for Our Lady's Team**
- Covered under the Faith Development commission report, above.

VI. New Business

A. January Meeting, Yes or No?

Council decided No.

VII. Topics for Next Meeting

- A. Upcoming Knights of Columbus Sweetheart Dance, which will cost \$25-\$30 and be held on February 13.

VIII. Closing Prayer

Meeting adjournment time not noted. The next meeting will be on FEBRUARY 2.