

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

December 7, 2010

Present at the meeting\*\*

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor  
Debbie Fish, chair  
Paula Moran, co-chair; marriage enrichment  
Deacon Bill Brawner, deacon  
Francesca Forrest, secretary  
Dave Adams, communications  
Ray Fontaine, communications  
Jeanne Brzycki, communications liaison  
Beth Buczko, family life  
Lorie Erickson, family life  
Dottie Adams, hospitality  
Frank Adams, hospitality  
Therese Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)  
John Rakouskas, marriage enrichment (Teams of Our Lady)  
Pam Letendre, spiritual life  
Carla Dell'Olio, vocations  
Franco Dell'Olio, vocations  
Stan Wyman, finance committee  
Everett Hume, deanery council representative  
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.*

**I. Debbie Fish called the meeting to order at 7:25**

**2. Prayer – Father Vern**

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

**4. Commission Reports**

**A. Communications**

-- no new business

**B. Family Life**

-- CYO basketball has started; 66 children involved

**C. Hospitality**

-- no new business

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

- Teams of Our Lady (TOOL) retreat coming up March 13 (a date change)

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

- Star of Bethlehem talk with Fr. Doug McGonagle, December 15 at 6:30 pm
- Gerri Amprimo will be talking about the CD of the Month club (there will be a discussion group; first meeting will be January 19)

#### **F. Vocations**

- Seminarians' Christmas cards have been sent out
- Box for collecting gifts (e.g., gift cards) for seminarians is in the lobby now
- Vocations Commission will work with the Knights of Columbus to host a buffet luncheon to follow a vocations Mass in May (May 29); proceeds will go to support seminarians
- There will be a brunch for our seminarian, Peter Naranjo, in April

### **5. Old Business**

#### **A. First Night**

- Linda Sterling will be our "walkie-talkie person" (i.e., liaison with the group of people organizing the First Night event at the town level)
- The St. Francis station will be open until the end of the event, as we had planned, and not close early, as they had indicated on their schedule.
- Knights of Columbus still planning to do carnival games upstairs and food downstairs at the social center.

#### **B. Revised Bylaws**

- Changed to take into account our new scheduling of parish-wide nominations for commissions. The council approved the changes to pp. 3, 4, and 7.

#### **C. Review Welcome Packet**

- Done.

### **6. New Business**

#### **A. Gayle Tyler's request to display crèche photos**

- Gayle Tyler has pictures of crèches from Knights of Columbus museum in New Haven, CT, and she asked to display them in the gathering space from Christmas to Epiphany, so everyone can enjoy them. The council approved the request.

#### **B. Meeting of the Secular Franciscans**

- The Secular Franciscans will be holding a small reception in the Tovet Room on the first Sunday in January after the 10:30 Mass.

#### **C. Vocations Awareness week is January 9–15. Carla Dell'Olio proposes recruitment for a second TOOL team that week.**

#### **D. Special Collection for Fr. Foster in Liberia**

- To provide his church with electricity, take up a second collection. \$1,000 total would provide electricity and running water.
- Do the second collection perhaps in February.

### **7. Closing Prayer**

**Adjournment. The next meeting will be on January 4, 2011.**