

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF

December 6, 2011

Present at the meeting

Father Vern Decoteau, pastor

Franco Dell'Olio, chair

Ray Fontaine, co-chair

Francesca Forrest, secretary

Dave Adams, Communications

Beth Buczko, Family Life

Therese Rakouskas, Marriage Enrichment

John Rakouskas, Marriage Enrichment

Carla Dell'Olio, Vocations

Everett Hume, diocesan liaison, Deanery Council representative

Jeanne Brzycki, Deanery Council representative, Communications liaison

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

- missed handing out commission solicitation forms, which were supposed to go out Nov 12-13, because of the repercussions of the October 29 storm.
- Therese motioned to move the date of solicitation and selection of new commission members; Carla seconded the motion; it passed unanimously
- Date of solicitation now December 10-11; first meeting in January

B. Family Life

- CYO Basketball has 62 participating children. The CYO is currently holding a calendar raffle. Their first game is the weekend of December 10-11.
- Food Pantry: On November 19, Thanksgiving baskets were delivered to 40 families. Christmas baskets will go to the same 40 families on December 17-18. The USDA is not giving out as much surplus food as it used to. There is a new volunteer picking up food from the Food Bank.
- Children's craft fair. This year was its 10th anniversary. The cost for the event was \$511.18, but much of this came from the donations of those involved. Next year the plan is to partner with the Angel Tree.
- Cancer Support and Bereavement have not been very active.

C. Hospitality

- The chairs of the hospitality commission were not present, but Fr. Vern noted that they had held the reception for the Generations of Faith event “Afraid: The Gospel of Mark,” which was a big success.

D. Marriage Enrichment

- The three RCs (Responsible Couples—heads of each team in the Teams of Our Lady [TOOL]) met; they will meet again in January
- They are thinking of bringing all three TOOL groups together for a retreat on March 9-11.

E. Spiritual Life

- Will give out CDs to all families at the Christmas Masses. CD will be *Finding the Fullness of Faith*, by Stephen Ray.
- Cost is \$1400
- May give out another CD at Easter as part of evangelizing the community.

F. Vocations

- 2011 seminarian gift card drive under way. There are 20 seminarians. Our parish is doing two rounds of gift cards. Cards are due by December 18.
- Reel to Reel was at St. Francis for the installment of the Secular Franciscans and to do interviews about the seminarian gift card drive.
- Yerick Mendez and Peter Naranjo have been ordained as deacons.

5. Old Business

A. Selection of Commission Chairs

- Covered under Communications Commission report

6. New Business

A. Annual Report Going Out (late)

- Members of the Finance Committee are taking turns to audit the accounts each month (work Stan Wyman used to do)
- Parish is in the black right now thanks to the proceeds from the tag sale and Christmas Fair
- Bob Christ is stepping down as a maintenance man. We have a replacement, however.

7. Topics for Next Meeting

A. Commission Chairs

8. Closing Remarks and Prayer

The next meeting will be on January 3 at 7:30