



MINUTES

Parish Pastoral Council

Meeting Date: Mar. 22, 2010

Present: Fr. George, Fr. David, George Perkins, Barbara Fitzpatrick, Jean Kelly, Frank Sullivan, Beth Davis, Paul Rooney, Bill Gallerizzo, Dick Zeich, Maria Marasco, Jack Regan, Jim Goldberg, and Joe Daly

1. Joe Daly led the opening prayer
2. Pastor's comments:
 1. Fr. George announced that he and Doug Rodriques (after prayerful discernment) approached Joe Daly and asked him to assume the position of chairman of the PPC for the time being. Joe accepted their invitation.
 2. Fr. George also shared some of Doug's advice for proceeding with tonight's discussion.
 3. Finally, Fr. George offered copies of the workbook entitled, "Revisoning the Parish Pastoral Council."
3. Jim refreshed the Council's memory of his suggestion for setting up a parish Twitter account. He and Fr. George will be meeting to further discuss this matter.
4. Joe asked the Council to review the material previously provided by Doug regarding the four major steps to parish pastoral planning (*listening, visioning, planning, and implementation*) in order to understand how far we've come and where we need to go in order to move forward.
5. Jean Kelly led the discussion on rewriting the Parish Mission Statement. Jean provided everyone with copies of all the submissions previously sent to her. Before the next meeting she will send these out again in electronic form along with the addition of Barbara's submission. The discussion was fruitful and varied. It was suggested that all the Council members take time to review the various submissions before the next meeting. Meanwhile, Jean will provide a working copy of a suggested version of the Mission Statement that is a combination of the current statement and the suggested draft provided by Doug (based on results of the Parish Assembly).
6. Jim Goldberg led the discussion on goals (*centered around the issues of evangelization, worship, and community*). Jim provided everyone with a summary of those submissions he had received prior to the meeting. Because of time limits and the number of suggestions submitted, it was decided to limit the discussion to the topic of "evangelization". A good part of the discussion centered around the need to be more clear about the difference between goals and objectives. George suggested we look more carefully at some of the guidelines previously provided by Doug from the above-mentioned workbook. The discussion ended with the suggestion that Jim try to "pull

together” some of the ideas discussed. Until the next meeting Jim will be accepting further submissions for goals until (April 19)

7. Earlier in the evening Beth had suggested that it is important to keep the parish apprised of the progress of the pastoral planning process. Accordingly we decided that we will keep minutes of our meetings in order to record our progress in planning. From these minutes the Council will decide what/when/how this information should be shared with the wider community. [Jean reminded us that we should let the parish know that the Scripture study group, the reading group, and the opening up of the RCIA meetings to the wider parish were all responses to suggestions of the Parish Assembly.]
8. Frank suggested that the Council probably needs to meet more often in order to make more progress with this planning process. Accordingly it was decided that the Council would meet next on **April 26** from 7 – 9. The already-scheduled meeting meeting for **May 17** will remain on the calendar. Fr. George and Joe will meet to discuss possible more-frequent meeting dates for the rest of the year.
9. Suggested agenda for next meeting:
 1. Prayer – led by Dick
 2. Update on parish Twitter account – led by Jim
 3. Discussion of Mission Statement – led by Jean
 4. Discussion of goals (evangelization only) – led by Jim
 5. Discussion of goals (community and worship) – whole Council
 6. Discussion of “terms of office” for PPC members
 7. Next steps

Submitted by: Joe Daly