

Saint Pius then Tenth Parish Pastoral Council
April 28, 2014
MINUTES

Present: Father George, Father Jason, Deacon Dick Zeich, Rosemary Akin, Jenny Anastasio, Maureen Bach, Karen Boucher, Anne Dailey, Julie French, Kelby Karnes, Jean Kelly, and Steve Sozanski

1. Opening prayer- Father Jason
2. Acceptance of the March 24, 2014 minutes
3. Welcome to Diane Morris member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council
4. Old Business:
 - a. The parish website continues to be improved with upcoming events being added in a timely fashion
 - b. Anniversary Committee (Jean Kelly) working on the events with a presentation on “The Beatitudes” on July 23, 2014 at 7pm ; photos needed for the anniversary DVD; Saint Pius the Tenth School presenting an art show and band concert on May 27, 2014
 - c. The Big Fix is a community service event coordinated by Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC). The vision of this event is to make home and landscaping improvements that will enhance the comfort, safety and quality of life for seniors, the disabled and veterans on Cape Cod and the Islands. Our mission is to engage community volunteers in performing small home repairs, cleaning and landscaping work at homes selected to receive assistance. The accumulation of small home repairs can become a burden to this population of the community. These minor repairs will have a major impact on the lives of these residents. The Big Fix heads to Yarmouth on Saturday, September 13, 2014. Habitat for Humanity is building the six houses in Yarmouth in 2015. Steve will report further information at the next PPC meeting.
 - d. “Rebuilt” brief book discussion surrounding the idea of small faith groups meeting in homes similar to the Renew meetings that were held in previous years.
 - e. PPC goals and objectives due to the time limit at this meeting need to be re-visited and for more discussion
5. Diane Morris- guest speaker and member of the Diocesan Pastoral Council
 - a. Congrats to Diane who is a new Grandma (Bailey Rose)
 - b. The Diocesan Pastoral Council meets every other month with 15-20 parishes participating four from the Cape. The council is made up of the Bishop, priests, deacons and lay people. The Diocesan Pastoral Council is also reading, “Rebuilt” and has a list of ideas gathered from the book which includes: parish surveys, active fellowship with churches that are warm and welcoming, reaching out to the fallen, making church relevant to all.

- c. Priests are overworked within the parishes with much expected from them. Deacons can help with the workload many parishes hire the deacon as lay administrators.
- d. A need to re-educate the people in the pews there are misunderstandings and lack of consistency
- e. Pastors and priests to invite all parishioners to be involved with their church as it seems there is a core of people who are always there to help
- f. Fellowship groups are a key to get new members or church members who have fallen away from the church to return
- g. The Diocesan and Presbyterian Pastoral Council will be interfacing in the future as they share many members
- h. Idea of sharing “Best Practices” between other parish pastoral councils

6. Other Discussion:

- a. The training of the diaconate is disorganized (Dick Zeich)
- b. Educate people what a deacon does (Julie)
- c. Cape Cod Radio- EWTN affiliate to be launched soon (Julie)
- d. The Brewster Baptist Church has catchy ads on the radio and maybe we can do the same
- e. Start small groups in our homes with people we know to discuss our Catholic religion as suggested in “Rebuilt”.
- f. Bulletin announcement coming out to get volunteers to straighten up after Mass such as picking up bulletins and placing the missals back in the pew racks.
- g. Current phone and email list of PPC members passed out.

7. Closing Prayer: Julie

NEXT MEETING: June 9th at 7pm.