



Saint Pius the Tenth Pastoral Parish Council
February 25, 2013
MINUTES

Present: Father George, Father Jason, Deacon Bill, Deacon Dick, Maureen Bach, Karen Boucher, Michelle Crowley, Julie French, Kelby Karnes, Jean Kelly, Matt MacKechnie, Betty Tormey, and Rosemary Akin.

Absent: Steve Sozanski

- Opening Prayer- Matt MacKechnie
- Welcome to new members by Father George.
- Review and approval of the November minutes.
- Maureen Bach volunteered to assume the responsibility of contacting the various parish ministries and assigning dates for the ministries to be present in the narthex after the Sunday masses.
- Discernment discussion on the process used this year that had been revised by the PPC. All present felt the information is clear and the revised Powerpoint presentation clearer. Kelby added that he felt the discernment process was not intimidating. Julie felt the questions and the time allotted was adequate. Any additional time could lead to self doubt or guessing when answering the questions. She added that the number of people nominated and the people who continued the discernment process was disappointing.
- Rosemary had brought a concern about the distribution of the Precious Blood at the 10:30 Mass where at the break many parishioners are not participating, Deacon Dick added it could be demographics where many of the senior citizens may need physical assistance, and in general educating parishioners is needed. . Maureen added that at the front of the church the Precious Blood is consumed quickly. Perhaps a larger cup is needed for the front section. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- Julie asked when she should wear her new PPC name pin. Discussion followed that it should be at Mass and all church events and the PPC email should be in the bulletin.
- The number of participants on the Saint Pius Facebook is slowly increasing. The number of confirmed "likes " is 50 ish but the visits are increasing.
- The Communication Committee suggests that more pictures of parish activities like the anniversary Mass be included in the Parish Newsletter. Also the pictures could be featured on Facebook. Deacon Dick said pictures for the newsletter would be welcomed but must be camera ready in jpg or pdf format. Space is limited in the newsletter due to cost issues. Other suggestions included featuring a parish ministry or parish group each issue. The deadlines are the first of July, October and January.

- Communication with all parishioners was brought up with the idea of collating emails. The easiest method would be to have parishioners email their addresses to the PPC email address with the understanding that the information will be used for parish usage only. Further discussion at the next meeting.
- Father George suggested that the time for the PPC meetings be changed to 7:30pm to accommodate those teaching CCD. All agreed on the time change adding the meetings will not run longer than 9 pm and leaving the option open to return to 7pm in the summer months.
- The parish has two fund raising events coming up. The first is March 17th with a Irish Celebration with tenor Tony Kenny and others in the Parish Life Center at 2pm. Tickets are \$25 and due to the recent snow storms the sales are slow, PPC members are asked to pass the word on this event. The second event is a golf tournament in the spring. A meeting is being held this Wednesday and all are welcome.
- Father George passed out current copies of the Pastoral Parish Council Statutes and Norms. Please read the current documents provided by the diocese for discussion at our next meeting. The PPC Statutes and Norms go into effect in 09-01-2013. There will be informational workshops forthcoming for PPC members.

Next meeting is March 18, 2013 at 7:30 pm. Julie French is the prayer leader and Betty Tormey is the secretary.

Respectfully submitted, Rosemary Akin